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Forestry Practices Should Be Rewarded

Efforts are being made to have the Triple A farm program include forestry practices, which would be rewarded with Triple A payments.

In view of the fact that Wilkes county is one of the principal timber producing counties in the state, it stands to reason that forestry practices, including timber thinning, stand improvement and tree planting, should be rewarded.

Wilkes county has more than 300,000 acres of woodlands.

In 1947 in Wilkes county 200 sawmills cut over 46,000,000 board feet of lumber.

The labor payroll in the lumber industry for one year was over one and one-quarter million dollars.

The sad side of the picture shows that timber is being cut faster than it is being grown.

Woodland owners need some encouragement in their efforts to produce more timber.

The Triple A should help.

A. H. Maxwell, of Lenoir, farm forester of the state forestry department, spends two days each week working in Wilkes. His services should be utilized to a maximum and he is available for leadership in checking and helping the Triple A in administration of benefits for forestry work.

Democracy's Oxygen

Visiting German students, after a year in American schools, said that democracy was something they could not study but that they could feel it.

Our democracy was probably like fresh air to them. The exhilaration and pleasure of "living in it" was like the life-giving effect of oxygen in the air we breathe. The things that give life to our democracy are our free institutions and an opportunity to live a life unmolested by powers beyond our control.

Some of the elements that caused the German students to "feel" our democracy are a Constitution to protect the rights of individuals, legislative bodies to form the laws, a judiciary system to interpret the laws, and last but not least, private enterprise as the tangible evidence of the freedom enjoyed by our citizens.

It is no wonder the German students "inhaled the oxygen" of our democracy.

Borrowed Comment

THE ORDERLY WAY
(Statesville Daily Record)

Fortunately the House Un-American Activities Committee appears to have given up any idea of delving into Federal Judge Samuel H. Kaufman's conduct of the Hiss trial.

Congress, as the arm of government closest to the people, definitely has a responsibility to exercise a certain general guardianship over the judiciary. But a "hands off" policy seems wisest except where evidence suggests flagrant violation of the letter and spirit of justice.

Nothing said by any critical congressman indicates such violation in the Hiss trial. Had the case resulted in a verdict, either the prosecution or the defense could have turned to the appeals court for remedy against possible errors by the trial judge.

That is the orderly way and it is a good way.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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TOO LATE

She kissed the old man; she showered upon him kisses and tears. She told all the people how good he was. I thought if she had only given half a dozen of those kisses a year for the last ten years, how the tender-hearted old gentleman would have smiled through his tears. But now he took it all so coolly. He was dead. He was old and poor; she was young and rich. She had ten rooms, but no room for her father. Yet he made room for her when he had only two. The old man was not educated. She was—at his expense. He had fed and clothed her for twenty years at home and at college, until she had risen into more refined and cultured society, and married among new friends. The old people's address and dialect were too coarse. She kissed him, and buried him in a beautiful coffin. Dear father is to have a beautiful monument. A warm kiss while living is better than cold marble when dead.—Selected.

We realize this is too true among lots of people. One of the great commandments God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai for the Israelites, and for you and me today, is this: "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." (Exodus 20:12). Too many fail to honor and obey their parents while they are living, then when they die they give them a flower show. Maybe while their parents were living they neglected them, disobeyed them, grieved them, and sometimes spake hard and harsh words to them, but when they die they bring a lot of flowers and put them about the casket and upon the grave, and shower them with praises. It is then too late. It would be better to spend the money with which to Christianize the heathen than buy a lot of flowers for the funeral, which will soon wither on the grave.

Young people, give your parents their flowers while they are living. It is better to praise them while they can know about it than wait until they have passed into eternity. Better speak kindly and lovingly to them now than wait to speak kindly about them when they are dead.

Women IN THE CHURCH

Mrs. Dorothy Clarke Wilson, of Lewiston, Maine, the wife of a Methodist minister in that city, the Rev. Elwin L. Wilson, has been awarded the annual prize of \$7,500 by the Westminster Press (Presbyterian publishing house) for "the best manuscript dealing with a fundamental human problem, either historic or contemporary." The historic novel will be published under the title, "Prince of Egypt," dealing with the early life and young manhood of Moses. Mrs. Wilson has already published two religious novels, dealing with the life of James, the brother of Jesus, and with the prophet Amos.

The United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia has de-

cidied to establish a deaconess order in that commonwealth, especially for work in church hospitals and in mission parishes. The Church plans the opening of a "motherhouse" in the near future. Sister S. Lindner, a graduate nurse from the Royal Adelaide Hospital, has been named the first deaconess, and is now taking special training at Geelong, Victoria, following which she will take other studies at Welbourne University.

The Christian church is making a contribution to India and Pakistan that is far greater than the numerical strength of Christianity in the population of these new dominions, according to Miss Gail Asel, principal of the Forman Girls School, Lahore, Pakistan. "Deterioration of national life in China has cast a shadow over India and Pakistan," says Miss Asel. "The new impetus given by independence has awakened the people to the intensity of mass poverty and ignorance. Old acceptance of poverty and ignorance is turning into resentment. Many Muslim and

Hindu leaders are obviously dead in earnest about the welfare of their people. Too often they fail to solve the need. More and more officials are turning to Christian missions for guidance. Missionaries are throwing much of their efforts into releasing people from poverty, ignorance, and despair. Technical Service Associations, rehabilita-

tion projects, industrial training, and new educational programs are setting standards for national development."

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