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Fruit Growers To Organize For Results

The Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Association, 25 years old this year, is taking on new life with a more closely organized plan.

The growers will draw up plan of organization, with constitution and by-laws.

The entire aim is to have a more active organization, which will aid in promotion of the area and in marketing problems, as well as in giving cooperation in overcoming problems of apple production.

The association hopes to enlist the active membership and aid of every apple grower in Wilkes and Alexander counties and possibly in other counties in this immediate section of the state.

Such an organization, meeting regularly and attacking the problems as they come up, can be a great benefit to fruit growers.

With apple production going up, the association can very well pay much attention to marketing problems, as well as to phases of production necessary for putting out a high quality product. Buyers are becoming more discriminating, and the producers must in their own behalf produce and market what the customers want. Apple growing is to become a competitive business, not only between individual orchardists, but between different areas of the country.

The Brushy Mountain area, and other orchards in this part of North Carolina, produce apples of superior flavor, texture and appearance. These factors must be promoted if the area is to have the important place it deserves among the principal producing areas in the nation.

The strength and influence of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Association will be determined by the amount of support and cooperation it receives from the many individual orchard growers of which it is composed.

Soil Conservation And he Public

On Friday night here Soil Conservation Speaking contest was held with seven school winners participating for the right to represent Wilkes in the district contest at Lenoir tomorrow.

The students did a marvelous job. They were well informed about their subject, which was "Social Aspects Of Soil Wastage." They told in emphatic terms about how wasting the soil affects adversely the social and economic life of our people. Their subject matter was enlightening.

But the part of the entire contest was the lack of a sufficient audience. Including officials of the contest, the entire audience was about 25 people.

The contests represent a splendid means of educating the people to the desperate need of soil conservation and improvement. But it is not fulfilling its purpose completely because the message is not reaching the proper ears.

The main benefit being derived is among the students participating, who will never forget what they learn in preparing those splendid speeches. This work will naturally serve to educate them and possibly the members of the families, but the subject matter is so important that it should reach everybody possible.

The North Carolina Bankers Association is sponsoring the contest and the

Wilkes contest was sponsored by the banks here, who furnished prize money. It is fitting that the banks give attention to such an important subject, because the economic welfare of any place is dependent upon the condition of the soil from whence cometh our materials for food, raiment, shelter and other necessities and luxuries of life.

Harold Bennett, Mountain View student with a well prepared and delivered address, won first place in Wilkes. But the judges had a very tough time and any one of the seven could have been named winner and no great mistake would have been made in the judging. Our congratulations go to the boys and girls for a fine job, also to their teachers, coaches and their parents.

It becomes more important every day that the youth of our land be made acquainted with the pertinent problems they are going to face. Already too much soil which nature so generous gave, has been wasted. Let us not pass on the next generation worn out and eroded soil. If we do we are dooming them to lives of poverty and degradation.

-THE- EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spough, D. D.



Trouble has a way of unbalancing people. Christians are not immune to it. The more we look at a particular trouble the larger and more difficult it becomes. It makes us forget past blessings and also how we have overcome past troubles.

When you come to Wit's End Corner there is only one sensible thing to do, turn to God.

Time after time I have counseled with those in trouble. When I ask them if God has ever failed them in the past when they fully turn to Him with a problem, the reply has always been the same; No.

God has a plan for every man, for you and me. That plan is the best one for your life; it remains for you to lay hold of it.

So many of us want to make our own plans, see them work out our way, and we want it done quickly. God's plans are not to be hurried. The Bible is full of illustrations of that. Personal experience has proved it.

The Bible tells us that, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." It's amazing now the tangled threads of life are unsnarled when we allow God to work for us and in us.

This is particularly true of Christians, but God never turns a deaf ear to anyone who honestly calls upon Him in faith. The 107th Psalm tells us that even, "fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities are afflicted . . . then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distresses."

If we could only keep constantly in mind that the Lord is with us every hour of the day and night, that He is ready to answer every question in his good time; that he will show us the way out of every difficulty.

God's plan for your life is yours for the asking and taking, if you have the faith to believe it.

As you read this tonight, if you are troubled and concerned about some problem; reach out and put your hand in the hand of God. Ask him to take your life with its problem and show you the way you should go. Then lie down and go to sleep in that faith. Don't wake up in the morning and take the problem back to wrestle with again. Wait for him to show you the next move, and wait until it comes. Then follow that leading. You will be delightfully surprised with the results.

EDITORS NOTE: You may write Dr. Spough in care of this newspaper if you have a problem on which you seek advice. Please enclose a long-self-addressed stamped envelope, and 10c if you want any of his leaflets.

Trade at home if you expect hometown trade.

Light is to reading what facts are to intelligence.

The people who get rich quick usually get that way by taking money from people who think they will get rich quick.

Baptist Board To Meet On Hospital Problem

Raleigh, March 10 — The general board of the Baptist State Convention will meet here March 30 for further study of a "church versus state" controversy in Baptist ranks.

At the session, the board will receive the findings and recommendations of a committee of 15 which met at Greensboro yesterday to study the question of whether Baptist institutions should accept financial assistance from the state and federal governments.

M. A. Huggins, the board's general secretary, said he and Dr. Casper C. Warren of Charlotte, president of the general board, called the special session of the board in co-operation with the Committee of 15. The session will be held in the First Baptist Church here.

Huggins also revealed that the executive committee of the general board met at Greensboro last night. He said, however, it

was a routine meeting at which the committee passed on matters referred to it at a meeting of the board in Charlotte last January.

Scott Backs Curbs On Pollution

Raleigh, March 10 — Governor Scott said today he plans to support legislation to curb stream pollution in the next Legislature.

The Governor, who was asked about the matter at his news conference, said he thought the refusal of the 1949 General Assembly to pass a measure aimed at curbing stream pollution was "a mistake."

"We find that is one of the reasons some industries are passing over North Carolina," he said. "We can't afford to allow that barrier to exist."

Cites Health Need

The Governor also said that control of stream pollution is important from a health standpoint and the tourist trade.

The tourist trade, he added, "is a big crop as far as we're concerned."

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Charles Steinmetz, electrical genius, and W. S. Lee, pioneering engineer, had worked together on the installations. Other scientists, engineers, and students came from as far away as Japan to study this Southern outpost of the new electrical age.

So rapid has been the development of electricity through American initiative and industry that today the opening of a plant generating many times as much power is scarcely noticed.

As for today's job as against the old, Veteran Cannon says operating the modern plant on the site of the "Old Catawba" is soft in comparison.

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