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A HALF CROP

The latest gin report for Cleveland county indicates a yield this year of approximately half of the crop we made in 1935. This is discouraging and disappointing. Naturally it has its effects on business, but it cannot mean that our farmers have only half as much money as they had a year ago.

The price has risen and quality cotton is bringing a premium. To the premium we can add the higher price for seed and the soil conservation benefit payments due to arrive early next month.

Instead of holding first place among the North Carolina cotton growing counties, we have dropped to fifth position. This does not mean, however, that our farmers do not know how to grow the staple. Weather conditions were unfavorable and directly caused the biggest drop in our cotton yield in the history of the county.

Fortunately, the textile business has improved and the 4,000 or more employees are back on full-time, thus making up a weekly pay-roll which offsets to some extent the effects of a short cotton crop in the markets of retail trade.

PUBLISHING DRUNK DRIVERS

If an auto driver is convicted of driving while drunk and his license is revoked, his home town paper may overlook the court item, but it never escapes the Raleigh News and Observer. Periodically the capital city paper publishes the complete list, whether they live in Raleigh, Murphy or Manteo and keeps up with the statistics.

Since this law has been in effect, 7,398 drivers have had their licenses revoked for reckless and drunk driving. The law has been on the books for nearly two years and some of those who were deprived of the privilege of driving have lived to see the period of their penalty expire and their license restored. Last week 82 were re-licensed.

It is the policy of most newspapers in North Carolina to publish the names of convicted ones—not merely for the sake of adding shame and humiliation to the guilty parties—but as a warning for the other motorists to avoid them. A safety campaign cannot be successful unless the public aids the officers in seeing to it that habitual drunks are not allowed to take the steering wheel of a high powered motor and pilot it along a public thoroughfare, endangering the lives of others.

So, if a drunk driver's name escapes the home-town paper, it is sure to make the columns of the News and Observer. The reporter's daily check-up of the State Highway Safety Bureau.

WHAT AILS MARRIAGE?

Caroline Miller, Georgia novelist, won a decree of divorce this week from her husband, Will D. Miller, which brought final confirmation and settlement to rumors to the effect she would divorce him which began soon after she became suddenly famous four years ago when her first novel, "Lamb In His Bosom" won the Pulitzer prize.

In the course of the divorce proceedings she charged "mental cruelty and incompatibility," and her husband testified that he had been a "faithful and affectionate husband" and that the two had gotten along well together for thirteen years before his wife's success went to her head.

The chances are both told the truth. Every marriage has its moments, even its hours or days, of incompatibility, of mental cruelty, when husband scowls wife down because she ignores his two-bid or leaves him holding the bag on one-doubled; but, just so, every marriage has its happy hours when faith and affection exist, when husband is kind and patient with wife who can't cook, and when wife darns socks and sweeps up ashes when she loathes both.

Perhaps Caroline has forgotten the years when Will shared his none-too-sturdy bank account with her and worked with her over the manuscript of the book which gave her economic independence. Perhaps success did go to her head. On the other hand, it may be that Will is a small-minded, small-town, ultra-conventional school man whose mental development has not kept pace with that of his wife, and that there no longer exists any community of interests between them.

Whatever the truth about the matter may be, the final divorce which breaks up

home for three growing children and ends a marriage which has made sufficiently satisfactory adjustments to weather thirteen years of life together makes one bite one's lip and wonder which is at fault, the institution of marriage itself or the human race in general.

What Other Papers Say

POVERTY

(Raleigh News and Observer)

There is undoubtedly truth about all of us in the statement of Sinclair Lewis that "there never will be a time, no matter what system of government we have, when a large proportion of the people will not think they are poor no matter how much they have." Hunger is absolute, but poverty may be an entirely relative matter. Sadly enough even the millionaire may have to come regretfully to the conclusion that he is too poor to possess that second steam yacht. And much further down the social scale there are plenty of well-fed men and women who in lesser things must wistfully compare desire and pocketbook. Such a poverty growing from the failure to meet of the ends of what we want and the ends of what we have may be eternal and inevitable as Mr. Lewis suggests. But if there is any reality in the promise of our progress, it ought to be possible to envisage a time when nobody is so poor that they have not enough to eat, nobody is so poor that they lack a roof to keep out the rain, nobody is so poor that he need lack clothes to keep him warm, medical care to keep him well.

Poverty as a state of mind may be not only inevitable but also valuable as the itch that keeps us stirring; but poverty as a social disease should never be accepted as inevitable by a civilization proud of its achievement and determined on its progress.

FOR A UNITED STATE

(Winston-Salem Journal)

Governor-elect Hoey does well in pleading for a united state. It is only through co-operative, harmonious effort that North Carolina can rise to higher levels of prosperity.

But let us all remember that unity implies a meeting of minds; that before the State can become thoroughly united it must resolve the grievances and difference of opinion which now exists in the crucible of equity.

So long as the East holds a balance of power in the legislature while the West polls the preponderance of votes, there will be sectional friction. So long as our tax system is inequitable, those whom it discriminates against will sound a protest and friction will exist.

It must exist, it must make itself heard, for true unity can never be attained on a base of injustice. That foundation is sinking sand which will cause the whole structure to tumble down. If we are to seek unity, then we must build on strong and sure foundations which embrace justice and equity in the relationships between classes and between geographical units.

SIC 'EM, DAVE!

(Greensboro News)

David Clark says the request of State college students for his removal from the athletic council is "silly and asinine." Tubbe shore, Dave, tubbe shore; in fact, it reminds us of some of the suggestions you have made to the University trustees concerning Frank Graham.

Nobody's Business

By GEE MCGEE

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

No family anywhere, white, black, red or yellow, ever has any more ups and downs than we have at our house. All circumstances considered.

About 30 days before Thanksgiving day, we invested in a great big, broad-chested, 42-pound turkey gobbler. He looked like an ostrich. He was indeed a fine bird.

We put this Thanks-giving offering in a pen in our back yard where we could feed him and water him and fatten him. He could out gobble any animal I ever heard of. If I had not been "deaf," he would have proven a nuisance. (That's what some one said).

Days came and went. Ever once in awhile, I would ask the colored boy who eats at our house and pretends to work occasionally if he was looking after the turkey; he always smacked his lips and said: "Yas-sar, I sho is." (I've been wondering what he did for this fowl).

We planned the biggest Thanksgiving dinner that had ever been staged in our block, or any other part of town as far as that matter. We invited all of our kinfolks but 9, and they lived in Australia.

I even went so far as to invite my 8 living friends to this feast, and told them to tetch their wives along. Everybody that I mentioned these to generously accepted the invite.

The day before Thanks-giving, we received the shock of our lives. The cook, the boy, the wife, the kids, and I went out to slaughter that monstrous gobbler. We entered his pen. There he lay dead as a doornail on his back with his feet in the air.

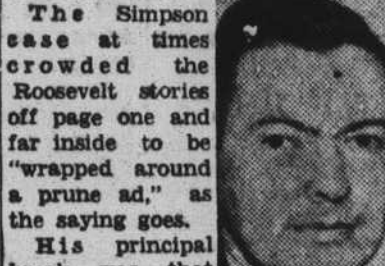
Death had overtaken him before we did. He had passed on to turkey-heaven where they possibly eat cabbages for Thanks-giving. My \$11.20 was gone. Tears began to roll down cheeks that had never known tears before. What a calamity: folks, relatives, people, and friends coming to eat a turkey that ain't. We got by tho: I bought 3 chicken hens and 2 roosters. We devoured our stuff without complaint or discussion, but I'm cured of buying big gobblers ahead of time.

FRANKLIN COMES HOME



A Washington Daybook

By PRESTON GROVER (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON.—Many administration figures were annoyed at the tough break President Roosevelt had on world publicity he might have expected from his South American visit.



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ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM IS NOW MAKING PROGRESS

Is Operating In Nine Nine Centers Of County

An increase in attendance and in the quality of work being done in the nine centers of Adult Education in the county was reported today in an interview with Mrs. E. B. Olive of Kings Mountain, director of the program.

In one small town in the county, unnamed for obvious reasons, Mrs. Olive said a prejudice against schools and education in general has been removed, and that the center now has a parent teacher association which works through the entire community.

Attendance at school of children of persons on relief or those who are in some way being aided by the government has in five of the nine centers been increased 100 percent.

"Better homes" has been a slogan and a model house had been projected, but until the first of the year efforts are being directed toward Christmas programs.

Enrollment in the county for August was 253, September 303, October 316 and for November 392. General attendance was 173; literacy classes has 245 and home-making classes 141.

Hitherto underprivileged persons are now studying what needs to be in a good wardrobe, learning to read and to write, taught physical and mental health and many other practical things which they had no chance to learn when they were young, Mrs. Olive said.

Hungary Women Want Positions On Police Force

BUDAPEST.—Hungarian women want to undertake work with the Hungarian police detective force, and they base their demands upon the success achieved in such work by Miss Claudia Majdan, who recently passed on.

Miss Majdan was the first and only woman detective in Hungary and carried on her duties in Budapest for the last 10 years silently and without attracting notice from the ordinary public.

Only personal friends caught glimpses, now and then, of the kind of work which passed through her hands; of her genuine sympathy for those whom she herself brought to justice; of the understanding which enabled her to persuade the authorities of her city to set up a workshop, where men and women due, by police regulation, to be transferred to their own districts, or possibly to the frontier, might be usefully employed during the time they waited for their removal.

A 1935 Iowa agricultural census just reported shows that a majority of Iowa farm operators have been on the land they now occupy more than five years.

EVERYDAY LIVING

Spirituality

"Often you use the words spiritual, spirituality, and the like," writes a young man, "and I wonder what you mean. No, I'm not trying to be smart, but the words are just empty sounds to me.

"They must mean something, but I do not know what it is. If a man has spirituality, what does he have; if he lacks it, what does he lack? Please do not think me impertinent—I want to know."

It is a fair question, and my reader has a right to ask it. But it is not easy to answer it because we have such vague, misty ideas of the subject. Or we just use the word without any meaning.

A Chinese student said to Stanley Jones: "Do not tell us to love our enemies, preach spirituality to us." To him spirituality was a soft pious emotion which made him feel cozy on the inside.

But that may not be spirituality at all. To be sure, it may stir us deeply, but spirituality is more than emotional excitement, or something quite different—and far more worth seeking.

The Bible tells us that the fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, kindness, patience, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Here we are nearer the truth, and the words begin to have meaning.

Put plainly, a spiritual man is a man who is alive to the value of life; its true values, not the things which people mistake for values. It is a right estimate of the real worth of things.

All things, that is, not merely religious things—art, automobiles, books, banks, music, politics, science, sport and the rest. Spirituality is the insight which sees what is really worth while.

All these things have value, each after its kind and in its place, but they are not the things that have the highest value. The spiritual man put the highest things first, and everything takes its place.

The highest value in life is a sense of values. If a man lacks it, he mixes things and makes a mess. If he has it, he is not to be fooled in the midst of noise, fashion, fads, and unreality.

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M'KINNEY NAMED ALUMNI LEADER

Troy McKinney, member of the class of '32 and county auditor, was elected president of the Rutherford-Cleveland Duke Alumni Association in its annual meeting and dinner held at Kings Mountain last Friday night. Prof. F. M. Biggerstaff, principal of the Kings Mountain high school was made vice-president and Miss Sara Kate Ormand of Kings Mountain was named secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Paul Mauney of Kings Mountain is the new representative to the alumnae conference. Dr. J. W. Harbison of Shelby is

the retiring president of the body. Dr. Raymond Crispell of the Duke University faculty was the speaker for the dinner, an enthusiastic gathering. Dr. Crispell traced the origin of education in the south and North Carolina, Duke University's connection with the progress since 1838, and prophesied for its possible future. "Education should fit the times," he said. "We live in a new age and a new day, I believe Duke will fit that new need." Dr. Crispell reviewed the success of the Duke football teams and defended the athletic policy of the school. At the same time he said there should be the continued leadership in libraries. "The libraries should keep ahead of athletics."

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