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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Remember now thy Creator
in the days of thy youth.—Ecclesiastes 12:1.

Now that it is all over, doesn't that Bergdoll "pot of gold" stuff seem about the limit in the way of silliness? Yet it seems to have fooled some men who are not accustomed to doing silly things.

Perhaps the Newberry case will lead, at any rate, to more care in the expenditure of money in future primaries in Michigan. It has called attention to some practices that should be curbed, to say the least.

Senator Newberry, of Michigan, is back in his seat as a result of the recent Supreme Court decision in his case. However, there are a vast number of American citizens who feel that he should not be there.

There are abundant indications that Mr. Penrose's long and serious illness did not in any way impair his ability to steer things in the Senate, as far as the course of the Republican members of that body is concerned.

Hon. Josephus Daniels' pen picture of General Joffre, the great French leader, hero of the Marne, in his article in yesterday's Sentinel, is one of the best things of the entire series to date. If you happened to miss it, look up the paper and read it yet.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch says that "more tractors and fewer detractors would help wonderfully in getting this country back to normalcy." For one thing, more real effort to do business and less talk about "bad business conditions" might help considerably.

It seems that Senator Borah is getting ready to attack the "administration policies." Trying to keep him and Senator "Hi" Johnson pacified is a task which President Harding might as well give up as utterly hopeless. They are simply "antis" and they are quite likely to continue to be.

Secretary Mellon's tax recommendations to Congress include repeal of the excess profits tax, but he says that he is not ready to recommend any general sales tax. His views on the subject are much like those expressed at the recent Chamber of Commerce luncheon here by Hon. Daniel C. Roper, former Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

A contemporary says Germany is probably waiting for the "ultimate ultimatum." One trouble already has been the issuing of too many "ultimatums" by the allies that did not prove to be such, after all. It is a little difficult now to convince the leaders of that nation that the countries with which they are dealing mean exactly what they say.

When the protest against the confirmation of Mr. Blair's nomination was launched, The Sentinel predicted that it would amount to nothing except to give Senator Johnson, of California, an opportunity to do considerable talking. It begins to look as if that will prove to be the case. The California senator is a fighter and he had no idea of overlooking a chance for a lively verbal encounter, but he has probably never really met his match.

The Bristol Herald-Courier says: "Senator Lodge was an advocate of a League of Nations until Wilson fathered one. He was also bitterly opposed to the Colombian treaty when Wilson wanted it ratified. There is nothing partisan about Senator Lodge." And the serious thing about the whole proposition is that he seems to be such a power with the administration. Our only hope, in that connection, is that he will not have an opportunity to pass on anything vitally affecting the interests of the South. He has never distinguished himself for his friendliness to this section.

THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND THE PEOPLE

A new administration is in charge of the municipal affairs of Winston-Salem.

Mayor James G. Hanes, the head of this new administration, in assuming last night the duties of the office to which he was recently elected, made it plain that he would strive earnestly to forward the progressive policies that have already been inaugurated here and to stand constantly for those things making for the further progress and development of Winston-Salem.

He asked for himself and associates the support and co-operation, not only of the city officers but of the citizenship generally of Winston-Salem.

They have a right to expect that. We believe they will have such support and co-operation.

If the new administration is to be the success it should be, two things will be necessary.

There must be in every department of city government efficiency and courtesy and a constant desire to serve the people of the community, regardless of sectional or other considerations.

We are confident that spirit will be in evidence at all times. Then there must be on the part of citizens of the community, of every locality and condition, a desire and a willingness to aid in every way possible in upholding the hands of those who are administering municipal affairs, a disposition to lay aside little prejudices and jealousies, if such there may be, in the effort to advance the common good.

We feel equally confident that such a spirit on the part of the citizenship of Winston-Salem will be in evidence.

If things arise that seem to call for criticism (and if such things do not arise in the new administration it will be different from any other city administration of which we have ever heard) it should take the form of constructive, and not destructive, criticism.

And any seeming basis for criticism should be taken up directly with those in authority.

It can do no possible good for a citizen to go around nursing a grievance, telling everybody but those who are in a position to remedy the matter.

The right thing to do is to go to headquarters with the complaint.

If that is done, we feel sure that the cause of the complaint will be removed if there is any way to do it.

Of course, we realize that talk about co-operating with, and supporting, the city government, is regarded as more or less conventional and stereotyped.

However, we cannot refrain, even at the risk of being monotonous, from expressing our conviction of its vital importance.

Let's not expect the administration to do everything we would have done all at once, but let's uphold the hands of those entrusted with the management of city affairs to such an extent that they will be enabled to do the things they should do promptly and effectively, without the hindrance that thoughtless criticism would involve.

Is that not entirely reasonable? We think so.

NUMBER OF FATALITIES STILL GROWING

Along with other discouraging "signs of the times" these days is the fact that automobile fatalities are becoming more numerous all the while in this country.

If things continue at the present rate, the year 1921 is likely to establish a new high record.

And this, too, in spite of "Safety First" warnings and the strengthening in quite a few states of laws relating to the use of motor vehicles.

The Philadelphia Record calls attention to the fact that, during the first four months of this year, automobile fatalities in New York state numbered 351, against 158 in the corresponding period of 1920, an increase of 124 per cent.

Commenting on such figures, the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company says:

"Eighty-four lives of policyholders were lost in automobile accidents during the month, with a rate of 7.4 per 100,000. This is high for this time of year.

"On the basis of the mortality during the first quarter a new maximum rate for this cause of death may be expected for 1921. During the winter of the present year the rate has been much higher than for the corresponding period of last year.

"Unless there shall be a pronounced change for the better an increased toll of human life, more especially child life, will be charged to automobile fatalities."

When it is considered that the summer months yet to come are the most prolific in the matter of automobile disasters, the prospect of a new record in the number of such disasters for 1921, becomes more marked.

What is the cause of the increase in the number of automobile fatalities?

Various reasons may be assigned but the whole thing gets back to one fundamental proposition:

People as a rule are growing more careless in the handling of cars instead of using greater precautions.

This is shown in the various manifestations of the "speed mania" and in a disregard on the part of many automobilists of laws relating to the use of motor vehicles.

In many cases this kind of spirit has developed almost unconsciously. In the rush and bustle of modern conditions, automobilists in no few cases have seemed to lose sight of their obligations to the public.

And there is attached to the running of an automobile a form of excitement that frequently leads otherwise careful people to take altogether foolish chances.

What is the remedy?

First, a widespread "Safety First" campaign of education would seem to be needed, emphasizing in every way possible the need of greater care, especially at grade crossings.

A strict enforcement of existing automobile laws and their strengthening at certain points would probably help materially.

Certainly the situation is one that calls for careful thought to the end that some needed remedies may be devised and carried out.

TOWN TOPICS

Things Seen and Heard by Sentinel Man—Variety of Local Matters Discussed.

OPTIMISTIC NOTE.

"Evidence of the fact that the business situation in different lines is getting better is constantly being furnished," said a local business man today.

Here are some encouraging statements from the bulletin issued by a big firm of New York bankers that strike me as being very significant. The firm referred to is H. F. Bachman & Co., of 61 Broadway, and the part of the letter spoken of is as follows:

"The cotton market, after many weeks of dullness, shows a tendency to advance out of the deadlock. Figures advanced on the average about 50 points during the past week, while spot cotton at Houston has advanced 80 points. Our advices indicate a much better inquiry for spots and the basis is reported much stronger. Sterling exchange reached 3.87 1/2, the highest price since last June. The New York Federal Reserve Bank reduced the discount rate on commercial paper to 6 1/2 per cent, a cut of one-half of one per cent. This is the first change since last June when it was advanced to 7 per cent. The governor of the board, Mr. W. P. G. Harding, is quoted as making the significant statement that there is no need to force liquidation further, that there is now no danger of any general financial trouble in this country and that the time has come for renewed courage and confidence. The stock market continues to reflect steady improvement. Exports are at last beginning to run ahead of last year. The Journal of Commerce estimates the reduction in acreage at 28.2 per cent and the reduction in the use of commercial fertilizers at 55.3. It appears that the crop is getting a poor and late start on perhaps the smallest acreage since 1899, when the crop was only 9,393,000 bales. We think the market has gone through the worst and that from now on the bull side will prove profitable."

IS ENTHUSIASTIC.

Mr. R. W. Pou, County Farm Agent, is enthusiastic over the prospects for the coming Forsyth County Fair. He is urging farmers to begin planning now for exhibits to the end that the feature of the fair may be better than ever before.

"Plan and plant now" is the proper slogan, according to Mr. Pou. He points out that the only thing needed to make the agricultural section of the next Fair the very best ever is the proper degree of enthusiasm and interest on the part of the farmers of Forsyth county.

LARGE ATTENDANCE.

"Keep up your work in behalf of Sunday school attendance," said an interested member of the Burkhead Methodist school yesterday.

The Baraca class at Burkhead had 137 present Sunday, and other classes made fine records in the matter of attendance. Over 400 were present in the entire Sunday school.

Other Sunday schools in the city also made a good showing Sunday. From all reports, The Sentinel will be glad to print the attendance records of attention to week if they can be secured. Such publication would doubtless aid in stimulating increased interest.

BACK FROM THE EAST.

Mr. A. J. Hauser, of this city, traveling representative of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, was in the city Sunday and yesterday, leaving again this morning. His work carries him into many counties in various parts of the state.

Mr. Hauser has just returned from a trip to Eastern Carolina on business for the commission. He reports that the feeling among business men in that section is decidedly better than on his last trip there, a month ago. Strawberry growers are selling their product at good prices, and in other lines conditions are satisfactory.

Mr. Hauser, in discussing the situation as to cotton and tobacco, says that the farmers in Eastern Carolina are reducing their acreage to a considerable extent. Price conditions with reference to the last crop were not satisfactory and many of them have made up their minds to "go slow" on cotton and tobacco and pay more attention to other things.

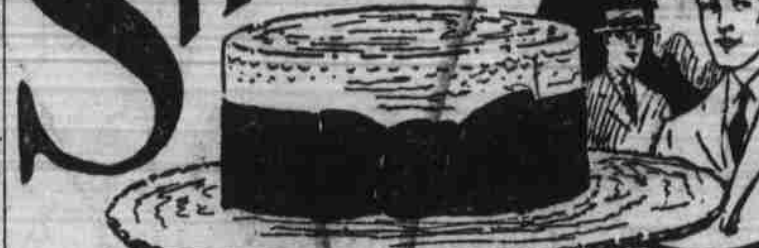
SEASON CLOSED.

The notably fine humorous lecture last night by Mr. Ralph Bingham, the widely known platform entertainer, closed the 1921 Redpath Chautauqua for Winston-Salem.

The attendance at the Chautauqua has been good throughout, this being regarded one of the best points on the entire circuit. The program has been a well-balanced one with several exceptionally good features, the

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hunters, bound for Alaska and waiting for the opening of the ocean lane to Nome. Throughout the nation the railroads are reporting a genuine pick-up in traffic. March figures, showing net income approximating \$30,000,000 are believed to be harbingers of still better days in April and May. From Philadelphia, where labor and capital lock unfriendly arms in many strikes, comes light reading of deeper import than appears on the surface. The Quaker City says the five-cent cigar is coming back.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL MAKE A FIGHT

Washington, May 10.—The American Legion is determined to make a fight in the Sixty-Seventh Congress to obtain vocational education for widows and orphans of men killed in France, according to John Thomas Taylor, vice chairman of the Legion's national legislative committee.

A FINE RECORD.

"I was glad to see in yesterday's Sentinel the editorial appreciation of the work of Mayor R. W. Gorrell during the past four years that he has served the city as its chief executive," remarked Mr. R. E. Lasater yesterday.

"He had a difficult task in handling the affairs of this rapidly growing city but he did it in such a manner as to win the applause of all who came in contact with him and saw what he was doing. Courteous at all times, believing in a square deal for everybody and having a broad vision of the city's future and high ideals regarding its development along various lines, he gave Winston-Salem an administration of which our citizens may well be proud.

SENTINEL'S DAILY BUSINESS REPORTS

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public still has a tremendous potential power but has become more frugal and economical. Federal reserve banks without exception are in a stronger position today than they have been for more than a year. Discount rates have been reduced by the New York, Atlanta and Chicago banks during the week. Other reductions, it is believed, will follow soon.

Westward the star of prosperity seems to wend its way. New England reports her affairs in better shape now than for months past with the outlook bright for further improvement. Retail stores in Boston have reported to the reserve bank that their sales in March surpassed those in March, 1920, and were far ahead of those in March, 1919, notwithstanding that more goods have to go over the counter to get a dollar in the till. New York reports cause for optimism in its inventory of the idle, just completed. Many losses and pessimistic mouths have been shut by the stock-taking which has simmered down the pay roll reduction among firms employing nearly half a million workers to seventeen per cent from last year's figures. Almost astounding is the fact that the wage reduction per person employed now is only one cent a week less than it was a year ago, the figures being \$30.27 and \$30.28, respectively.

The steel business is looking up a bit in Pittsburgh, with indications of doing still better in the near future. Department stores, always an index of business conditions, did more business there in March than they did in March a year ago. Cleveland reports continuing a decline in the automobile industry's prosperity, a report checked as correct by Detroit, the latter city adding that business conditions in other industrial plants there and elsewhere in the state are improving. Kansas, with its usual prompt way of doing things, has gone to work to determine who has reduced prices and who hasn't. Her industrial court is going to tell the world, it is announced, whether producer, wholesaler or retailer is lagging in deflation endeavor. St. Louis reports prospects of a continuation of the good retail buying experienced during the past two weeks.

Help for King Cotton thru the war finance corporation is believed by southern business men to be near. The more belief has helped stimulate business in a section that is coming back fast anyhow.

Pacific coast cities are wearying of the business of waiting for business to get better. That section of the United States, always last to feel the effects either of boom or depression, is about three months behind New England in its progress toward prosperity, a dispatch from Seattle says, but feels sure that real prosperity of a substantial, rather than spectacular, character, is on its way to the coast. Meantime, hundreds of picturesque soldiers of fortune pitch camp in Seattle. They are the gold-

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