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"If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press."—Thomas Jefferson.

Conservation Of Forest

Soon after the white man first set foot on the North American continent, expert calculators got busy estimating how long this or that natural resource would last. The gloomiest predictions have been made concerning timber. More than a hundred years ago a French botanist, after a swing around a portion of the country, reported that, "There is an alarming destruction of trees for building. The complaints of the scarcity of timber are every year becoming more serious in America..." Warnings have been issued with clocklike regularity ever since.

In regard to our present timber resources, a spokesman for the timber industry makes the observation that, "When we consider overall growth in every size of product from Christmas trees up, plus losses from fire, disease and insects, we find that currently the national drain is being replaced by growth. This has been accomplished in spite of the fact that we still do not protect 30 per cent of our forest land from the hazard of fire..."

It is an historical fact that most of the estimates of the natural resources of the United States have been woefully inaccurate. They indicated an inability to grasp the vastness of the nation and its recuperative powers. The proof of their inaccuracy is evident on every side, in the continued development of the natural resource industries, such as lumber, which according to the estimates, should have been out of business a half century ago. Actually such industries have no intention of going out of business. The timber industry, for example, is pursuing practical conservation programs that should insure sustained production from this resource for all time, while simultaneously meeting public demand for forest products. Its policy is typical of the resourcefulness of private enterprise and in reality is the secret of this nation's greatness. It advocates maximum use as well as conservation of America's natural wealth.

Our Language

How well do you speak and write English? There are many school children who not only dislike English, but see no point in trying to master it. It is true an individual can "get by" without knowing the fine points of the correct usage of the English language; but did you ever stop to think how much better off he is if he writes and speaks correctly? Well spoken language, like good manners reflects on background and education, as well as ability.

The time to learn the proper use of the English language is during the formative years of school. Teachers can be of great help to children by grading them properly and pointing out incorrect usages so that the students may improve their habits. Correct spelling is also a vital factor of correct usage of language. This also can be drilled in school. The cooperation of parents as well as the honest efforts of children themselves are also vitally necessary. Let's be proud of our language. It is a part of our heritage. Let's make the best use of it.

Youth And Socialism

The avowed purpose of socialism is to equitably distribute a nation's wealth. What it actually does is to spread the poverty. And, in the process, it does an extremely effective job of destroying incentive, opportunity, and ambition, as well as wealth.

An illuminating example of that is found in a recent editorial in the Portland Oregonian. Some time ago the Oregonian's circulation manager carried on a correspondence with a printer in Dorset, England, and sent him a number of the paper's big Sunday issues. Now, the printer writes, he and his family have decided to emigrate to Oregon. They plan to come in January, even though he has no assurance of finding a job and will be confronted by a severe housing shortage when he reaches his new home. His reason for making so long and difficult a move is stated in this paragraph: "England today is no place for young people such as mine, who are ambitious. The days of private enterprise over here are numbered. Frustration and inertia have come in with a rush, and everyone emulates Mr. Micawber, just 'waiting for something to turn up.' It is a sorry picture, and not all due to the war. We shall be glad to pull out."

The simple declaration goes straight to the heart of Britain's decay, and cuts deeper than reams of statistics and volumes of economic theory. Socialism means the triumph of the bureaucrat. It means that all the energies and resources of the nation become the property of the politicians in power. It means that the poor, no less than the rich, are getting poorer. Worst of all, it means that the individual spirit and drive which created an empire on which the sun never set is rapidly being throttled to death.

So the printer from Dorset is bringing his family to a nation where free enterprise still exists, and opportunity is open to all. Other English men and women are emigrating by the thousands to Canada and elsewhere. They love the soil of England still, but they cannot bear to watch the disintegration of the qualities that made her great.

The duty of the American people is to maintain a nation and a political system which will not tolerate the political forces that are destroying England.

Building Increases

In the first 9 months of 1947, construction in place totaled more than \$9 billion, as compared with less than \$7 billion for the same period of 1946.

The U. S. Commerce Department predicts that the industry will produce an even greater volume of work than the \$12 billion total now estimated for 1947.

The mounting strength of the demand for construction in the face of the current price level has amazed those who had predicted a recession in building. Leaders of the industry say that present prices will hold for some time, being based upon wage rates and material costs which are relatively inflexible.

Apparently any improvement must come from greater efficiency and technical advances in the art, both of which are long-term developments.

Arts Of Peace

Not all of the scientific energies of the time are being devoted to the production of atomic bombs, guided missiles and other instruments of world destruction. There are still laboratories which are concerned with the arts of peace, and with developing products which will contribute to the well-being and living standards of all the people.

Present experiments in producing oil from coal presage something of an industrial miracle. The enormous and virtually limitless demand for oil products of hundreds of kinds has caused an acceleration of this work. As long ago as 1910 a German scientist worked on a process of hydro-generation of coal into oil. Important progress in this direction was made by German and British scientists between World Wars I and II. However, in all of the methods developed, the cost of the product was several times greater than the cost of producing gasoline from petroleum.

Directory Of The Church Services

SPARTA BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. F. G. Walker, pastor
N. D. Fox, Supt.
Sunday School each Sunday, 10 a. m.
Church service each Sunday, 11:00 a. m.

Young Peoples' Meeting
7:15 each Sunday evening
Evening Worship Service 8 p. m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Fred Blevins, Pastor
10:00 a. m.
Church Services:

Mt. Carmel, First Sunday, 11:00 a. m.
Bellevue, Second Sunday, 11:00 a. m.

Liberty, Third Sunday, 11:00 a. m.

NEW HOPE
Rev. F. G. Walker, pastor
Sunday School, 1:30 p. m.
Mrs. Paul Swanson, Sunday school superintendent.
Teaching service, 1st and 3rd Sundays at 2:30 p. m.

SPARTA METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. W. H. Yokely, Pastor
Schedule of Services for the Methodist Church of Sparta, and the Sparta Circuit:

Sparta Methodist church: Rev. W. H. Yokely, Minister, Mr. C. R. Roe, S. S. Supt., Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 A. M.; Church Services each 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11:00 A. M. each 2nd and 4th Sundays at 7:30 P. M.

Sparta Circuit: Antioch—1st Sunday at 3:00 P. M.
Cox Chapel—4th Sunday at 11:30 A. M.; 1st Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

Piney Creek—2nd Sunday at 11:30 A. M.; 4th Sunday at 3:00 P. M.

Potato Creek—4th Sunday at 10:00 A. M.; 2nd Sunday at 3:00 P. M.

Shiloh—2nd Sunday at 10:00 A. M.; 3rd Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

Walnut Branch—3rd Sunday at 3:00 P. M.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Eld. C. B. Kilby - Eld. A. L. Presnell, Pastors
Church service 3rd Sat. at 2 p. m. and Sun. at 11 a. m. in each month.

WOODRUFF PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Elder Charlie Hall
Church services each second Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 a. m.

REG. BAPTIST CHURCHES
Little River Ass'n

Big Springs, 2nd. Sat. and Sun. Double Spring, 1st Sat. and Sun.

Landmark, 4th Sat. & Sun. Laurel Glen, 1st Sat. and Sun.

Mountain View, 3rd Sat. and Sun. Mt. Arat, 4th Sat. and Sun.

Mt. Carmel, 3rd Sat. and Sun. Mt. Olivet, 1st Sat. and Sun.

New Bethel, 3rd Sat. and Sun. New Salem, 2nd Sat. and Sun.

Pleasant Home, 3rd Sat. and Sun. Prather's Creek, 2nd Sat. & Sun.

Roaring Gap, 1st Sat. and Sun. Saddle Mountain, 4th Sat. & Sun.

South Fork, 4th Sat. & Sun.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCHES
Cherry Lane, 4th Sat. and Sun. Glade Creek, 1st Sat. and Sun.

Liberty, 2nd Sat. and Sun. Mount Union, 1st Sat. and Sun.

Pleasant Grove, 3rd Sat. and Sun. Saddle Mt., 3rd Sat. and Sun.

Whitehead, 2nd Sat. and Sun. Welcome Home 4th Sat. and Sun.

Pleasant Home, 2nd Sat. and Sun. Meadow Creek, 1st Sat. and Sun.

LAUREL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Kenneth Snyder, Pastor
Van Miller, Supt.
Sunday School each Sunday, at 10:00 a. m. Church service 1st and 3rd Saturday 8:00 p. m. 1st and 3rd Sunday morning at 11:00 a. m.

OSBORNE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Turkey Knob
Rev. E. B. Barton, Minister
Church service 1st Sat. night 8:00 p. m. and Sunday, 11:00 a. m.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE—One seven-year-old, pony well broken. See Dr. N. D. Fox, Sparta, N. C. 11-6-47c

FOR SALE—One David-Bradley corn cob crusher in good condition. See D. J. Jones, Stratford, N. C. 11-6-2tp

FOR SALE—400 bushels of assorted corn at \$2.00 a bushel. Robert Delp, Route 3, Sparta, N. C. Farm adjoining H. M. Delp. 11-6-2tp

Dairy farmers with an abundant supply of good quality hay and other roughage can cooperate in the Nation's food conservation campaign and at the same time cut down feed bills by feeding considerably less grain to growing dairy heifers.

Prices for fall and winter apple varieties this year are expected to average about the same as last year.

"Question for Armistice Day"



This Week in WASHINGTON

It is the consensus of opinion of one hundred economists polled by the F. W. Dodge organization that there will be a mild business recession beginning next spring. The group polled includes economists connected with business corporations, financial institutions, universities and economic research organizations. Forty-one of the economists expecting a recession indicated they believed it would be mild, nineteen described their expectation as "moderately serious," and eleven as "serious."

In the opinion of most of the economists the index of wholesale commodity prices as established by the U. S. bureau of labor statistics will continue to rise, but will be down by August of next year and down further by the end of 1948. The median commodity index prediction figure in the opinion of the economists was 158 for December, 150 for next August, and 140 for December, 1948.

The majority believe that industrial production will remain stable or decline from the 1947 level during next year, 64 anticipating overall decline in production with the median decline shown as ten per cent. The majority foresee an upward trend in industrial production in the first quarter and a decline in the last three quarters of next year as compared with this year.

Majority opinion indicates an expectation of approximately stable to lower employment in 1948 as compared with this year. Of the 78 economists expressing an opinion on the employment outlook only three expect a steady uptrend while 30 expect a steady downtrend, and 45 believe that employment will be approximately stable next year.

Despite the mild business recession expected, there is strong support for the view that the dollar column of construction contracts will be greater next year than this year.

Seventy-six economists expressed an opinion on the construction outlook. Thirty-seven anticipate a steady uptrend, 28 believe building will be approximately stable, and eleven expect a steady downtrend. Fifty-eight believe there will be an over-all increase in construction contract volume, the median figure on the increase expectation being ten per cent.

Washington is not taking serious the many sub-committee hearings. When hearings are being held by a committee of one or two congressmen, the public as well as official Washington just cannot become interested. There are a few exceptions but they are of minor characters.

Most Congressmen returning from Europe have expressed themselves as having changed their opinion in many regards. They do not agree, however. Returning visitors as well as congressmen did not see with the same eyes. Some report Europe starving, others report that they saw no lack of food, medical supplies or other necessities. The majority, however, believe that Europe must receive aid and receive it soon.

Library Notes

Do you know that Michigan was the first state to abolish the death penalty?
— that in Russia only political prisoners can be executed?
— that historically the name Capital is applied to the Capitoline Hill - the smallest and most famous of the seven hills in which Rome was built.
— that plan for the Capitol of United States was designed in 1791 by a Frenchman, Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant?
— that in December 1800 Congress held its first session in the new Capitol?
— that the first President to be inaugurated in Washington was Thomas Jefferson in 1801?
— that Booth Tarkington, famous American author, began to talk when only seven months old?
— that the first library for children in America was stated Nov. 9, 1835 in Arlington, Mass?

Thoughts in my mind. There are passenger trains which carry people from one destination to another to a wedding, to the bedside of an ill one, to a funeral, to a new position, to visit dear ones, to an important business transaction. There are freight trains which go by loaded with articles and products for the sustenance and comfort of man. During the War they carried objects for his destruction also.

Then I have seen, especially in the coal fields, a long train of empty cars rattling back to the mines. These trains always make the most noise. It's because they are empty, I suppose. They always remind me of some people who rattle through life without carrying anything which may benefit others, and even without any apparent destination. Occasionally I see a single locomotive attached to a caboose. They are carrying some train crew back home. They have possibly delivered a train somewhere. But they remind me of those who have reached the end of their journey in the Father's House empty-handed. They have either waited until the last moments of their lives to accept Christ, or else they have never shared their faith with others.

BROUGHTON ENTERS U. S. SENATOR RACE

(Continued from Page 1) adjourned several weeks ago. Broughton said in his announcement that with the primary still more than six months off, "I do not contemplate beginning at this time any intensive campaign. The grave and disturbing international and domestic problems of the moment are such as to make untimely and undesirable any long-drawn out political contest."

The Everyday Counselor

Rev. Herbert Spough, D. D.

Do you like to stop and watch the trains go by? Many people do, and I am one of them. Sometimes I simply admire them, at other times I am provoked to thought.

Recently I heard the story of another minister, who liked to watch the trains go by. Shortly after entering into a new charge, his parishioners discovered that at a certain hour every day he could never be located. His wife would give out no information. The curiosity of the congregation was aroused to such an extent that the Chairman of the Board of Stewards asked for an explanation.

The minister refused to give out any information, saying that it was a personal matter. This only poured oil on the fire until it became an issue in the congregation. The district superintendent then asked the minister for an explanation, which was again refused.

Finally the whole village made it a matter of faith and devotion, and the congregation carried it to the bishop, who paid an official visit to the church and asked the minister for an explanation. The minister thereupon asked the bishop to come with him and he would show him where he went and what he did each day. They walked through the village and out to a high bluff overlooking the railroad track. There they sat down and waited. Soon a streamline passenger train flashed by. The minister turned to the bishop and said, "Now we can go home."

"You mean to say that you come out here every day to see that train?" queried the bishop. "And why do you do that?"

"It always gives me new enthusiasm, and helps me throw off discouragement. It reminds me that there is at least one thing I don't have to push."

Ever since I heard that story, when I see a train flash by I am reminded that there goes one thing that I don't have to push. But passing trains provoke that