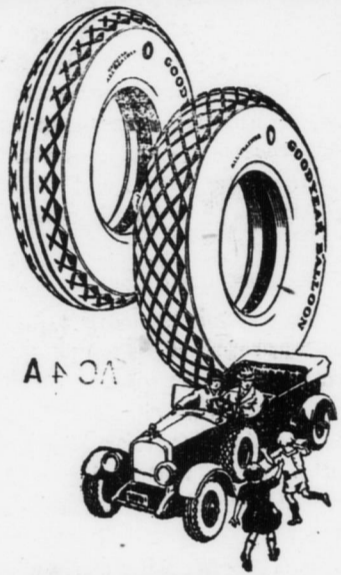


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## EVOLUTION GETS THE BLAME FOR LOWERING MORALS

Dr. W. A. Harper, President of Elon College, Sees Growing Crime and Vice Due to Death of Spiritual Conceptions.

Chapel Hill, Aug. 1.—The lowering of moral standards and the widespread tendency toward crime, "particularly as it finds its expression in the life of youth, who have been especially in these latter years imbued with the idea of mechanistic evolution," were ascribed by Dr. W. A. Harper, president of Elon College, delivering the second series of sermons of the union services in the Baptist church this morning, "as the mechanical theory of evolution that deprives man of his spiritual nature and bows God out of His universe."

"Human Limitations on the Divine" was Dr. Harper's theme. His text was the 41st verse of the 78th Psalm.

Dr. Harper ascribed four limitations which human history reveals men have placed upon the Divine—Limitation as to His character, limitation in respect of His conduct, limitation as to His willingness and as to His ability to communicate with His children, and limitation as to the destiny He has ordained for His universe of things and men.

"The concepts as to God's nature," said Dr. Harper, "have marvelously influenced the life, conduct and progress of the human race. It is when we come into the New Testament and breathe the spirit of the Nazarene that we reach a conception of God that satisfies the human spirit, involving as it does the ideal relationship, too, of man to man."

Dr. Harper explained the three distinct and separate views that prevail as to the conduct of God. The first view conceives of God as a creator, who finished His work with the act of creation. "This view accounts for the slow plodding progress of the human race. The world lacked inspiration for growth and development when it conceived of its God as an absentee potentate living in the skies and walking not with men in their daily experience."

"Adherents of the second view," continued Dr. Harper, "have relied upon biology in science, behaviorism in psychology and eugenics in religion and on these bases have constructed a mechanical theory of evolution that deprives man of his spiritual nature and bows God out of His universe. This view agrees with the former in the concept that the world can get along without God. It differs from it in the assertion that it has always gotten along without God and that He was not necessary as the Creative Agent or First Cause in the making of the universe. The direful consequences of this mechanical and materialistic view of the world and of man are beginning to be felt in the lowering of moral restraints, the disintegration

of the customs and conventions of life and society, and the widespread tendency toward crime."

Proposing a remedy for "this deplorable situation in which we find ourselves," Dr. Harper said, "we must face the future, removing from our concepts of God's conduct our preconceived notions as to His absenteeism from the affairs of men, as is conceived either by the fundamentalist or by the atheistic evolutionist. We must impress the third view as to God's conduct, that He is the builder of the universe and that He has worked from the beginning for the betterment of the world and continues to work to that end."

"The most powerful force in the universe," concluded Dr. Harper, "is the concept which men entertain respecting God. Their limitations of Him have been their undoing, and, as they have been able to break the bonds of any spiritual concepts which limited the Holy One, they have been able to go forward by leaps and bounds. We cannot but be convinced that humanity owes more of its progress and development to the orientation of God in human life than to any other force, power, or influence. What the future holds for the human race no dreamer is able to forecast, because the progress of the race in the future as its achievement in the past, is absolutely and unconditionally dependent upon the removal of our human limitations from the Holy One."

### ICE CREAM SUPPER

West End, Forest City, Aug. 9.—There will be an ice cream supper, sponsored by the Pleasant Grove Missionary Society on the lot between Messrs. B. Z. McDonald's and Curtis Weir's stores, Saturday evening, August 14. Proceeds to go to Scarritt College, an institution for training missionaries. The public is cordially invited to come out and patronize these ladies in their efforts to raise money for a good cause.

### REV. JOE SINCLAIR MARRIED IN DALLAS

Rev. Joe W. Sinclair, well known young Baptist minister of this county, and for the last two years a student of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Dallas, Tex., was recently married to Miss Rhoda Bohannon, in Dallas, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. R. F. McDonald. Rev. H. E. Fowler, pastor of East Grand Avenue Baptist church officiated.

### DAIRYING NOW POPULAR WITH MOUNTAIN FARMERS

Raleigh, Aug. 9.—Within a period of from five to ten years the great mountain territory of Western North Carolina will become one of the leading dairy sections of the country.

This is the opinion of John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist of State College who has completed a rather extensive trip over the territory, conferring with many farmers and attending several meetings called in the interest of dairying. The opening of the butter plant of the Carolina Creamery at Franklin, in Macon county, was attended by about 500 leading farmers of Macon and adjoining counties. The sentiment of these men was that dairying will continue to grow as a source of farm income. The same was true in the case of the 800 or more growers who attended the annual picnic of the Henderson-Buncombe Cow-testing Association, at Horse Shoe.

Jackson county, one of the progressive and fertile counties of Western Carolina, has made an effective beginning by putting in 16 pure-bred Jersey bulls and 86 pure-bred cows. This movement was financed by business men of Sylva cooperating with farmers of the county. Other counties are rapidly building up their cow population and some of the old time confirmed beef growers are beginning to take an interest in dairying.

Mr. Arey states that the rich pastures, the cool climate, the abundance of fine springs and the natural aptitude of the people for handling livestock will have much to do with the mountain country turning to dairying. He looks forward to the time when this region will be a great supply section for the milk and butter needed in North Carolina and the south. The opening up of the territory with good hard-surfaced roads has made the transportation of milk cream and butter an easy problem and the farmers are realizing that their lands can better be utilized for pasturage than for growing crops.

## DOCTORS OF SEVEN STATES SEE DAM

Notable Gathering Of Physicians Guests Of Lake Lure.

Chimney Rock, Aug. 9.—Representing practically every southern state, there gathered at Lake Lure during the latter part of the week a notable delegation made up of physicians and their families attending the pediatric clinics now being held at the baby hospital conducted by Dr. Le Seynie Smith at Saluda.

The party numbering about 60 in all, made the trip by motor from Saluda as guests of the Lake Lure developers, at the request of Kenneth B. Tanner, vice president of Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc.

The big Lake Lure dam, now more than two-thirds complete was the initial stopping point for the party. Here J. C. Herbsman, lecturer, entertained them with pertinent descriptions of the engineering masterpiece and other interesting details of the construction program being pushed at Chimney Rock.

Following a tour of Luremont, initial residential section where the paving of State Highway N. C. 20 is progressing rapidly, and over a completed portion of which the party rode, refreshments were enjoyed at Lake Lure tea room with Mrs. Paul L. Holland as hostess.

Interesting talks were made with Dr. McKibbin, of Coral Gables responding for the guests. It was found that the states represented in the party included Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and North and South Carolina. Prevented from making the trip by pressing business, Dr. Smith was represented by his brother.

### WILL ARREST THOSE NOT HAVING NEW TAGS

All owners of motor vehicles who have not secured their license plate are urged to do so at once. The final limit was August 3. Sheriff W. C. Hardin has had instructions from State Commissioner of Revenue, R. A. Doughton to arrest any and all who do not have new tags and he will do so. Sheriff Hardin asks for the co-operation of all deputies, rural police, township constables and others to help him enforce this law at once. It is a state law and must be enforced. Officers are asked to watch out for any and all cars or trucks that do not have the new license plates and arrest the owners, or drivers at once.



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