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HERE'S THE WEATHER DOPE

Most of the readers of The Progress are interested in predictions about the weather. Of course, all of us know that most predictions fall by the wayside through the vagaries of nature, but, nevertheless, we like to think that man is beginning to learn something about the subject.

You can prepare therefore for another dry season this summer, according to Dr. Charles Abbot, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, who points out that the weather runs in 23-year cycles. General trends for a year or longer can be based on such a cycle and on this theory he predicts more rain after two more dry seasons.

The eminent gentleman may be right. At any rate, if he is right, don't blame us for not giving you the proper information.

ARE YOU HONEST?

Many people in this county have gotten into the habit of not paying their debts promptly. As a result their credit or reputation for honesty is suffering. Some church leaders fail to pay their honest debts. This is injuring the cause. When a person loses their credit, or reputation for honesty, they have lost much. Your word should be as good as your bond.

If you promise to pay "Saturday" you should pay Saturday or go to your creditor and tell him why you cannot. If you promise to pay on the first of the month, be sure to pay then.

Many business firms spend much time and money to collect their bills. In other words, it is costing much to collect honest debts from people who are supposed to be honest.

It is interesting to note how easily many people forget a debt they owe. The best way is to "pay as you go", especially on small debts.

Business would be better and people would be happier if we had more honest folks. Failure to pay debts often causes trouble or hard feelings between friends. Remember always, "Honesty is the best policy." Ask yourself, "Am I really honest?" How many debts do I owe that are past due?"—Rutherfordton News.

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

The practical results of a trained mind in the business, professional and social worlds prove how fundamentally valuable education is. The public schools of this nation are rendering an invaluable service in providing that training for our future citizens to take their places in the social order.

Our citizenry should promote every constructive educational activity. Legislators, in particular, both state and national should deepen their interest in the public schools, especially when it is considered that America is faced with social problems and beset with the difficult problem of rearing vast numbers of aliens, many of whom have conceptions of government quite different from those of the native born citizen.

On Bedloe's Island, in the New York harbor, stands a magnificent bronze figure holding aloft a flaming torch and greeting the immigrant as he approaches the new world. On October 28, 1937, this noble symbol of Liberty will celebrate her 50th birthday. What varied emotions are stirred within the breast as one contemplates that commanding goddess with her mighty right arm holding a torch, while a volume of law or instruction is encircled by her left. Why not a blazing sword in her right hand, and a protecting shield on her left arm. But no, she illustrates the superiority of proper enlightenment over the power of the lethal weapon of shining steel. Her flaming torch opens the eyes of men that they may no longer grope about in the darkness of ignorance that breeds crime, fosters anti-American "isms," and encourages strife and sedition. The mute guardian at our gates is indeed made articulate by and through the voice of our public schools.

Trading in Marion is a matter of good business judgment.

REPORTER'S

NOTE BOOK

Jack Ballew killed a duck. Seems that, with all the rain and wind, a duck was forced down, lighting in a large pool of water formed by excavations for Ballew motor company's new building; the theory was advanced that the duck thought Marion was a good town and the spot selected looked prosperous. Anyway, Jack saw a strange looking bird swimming in the pool, cracked down on it, and had a duck for dinner.

One of the busiest places seen in a long time was the office of R. B. Crisp, general manager of McDowell furniture company. Visitors came and went, typewriters clicked, telephones rang, stenographers and clerks stepped lively. Miss Gladys Corpening was worrying about details of the security and job insurance laws affecting her payrolls. Miss Mary Sweeney typed important letters, Miss Margaret Gilkey and Carlton Gilkey alternately ransacked files and buried noses in big ledgers. Mr. Crisp said business is good, better than last year and the long term outlook very promising.

A memorandum picked up on the street indicated somebody was getting ready for good feeding after forty days of lenten fasting. Written in a neat feminine hand, the list reminded the lady to shop for bread, spaghetti, eggs, do-nuts, bananas, nut butter, lettuce, grapefruit, succotash, cherries, cheese. Which, with red ham gravy and coffee, would make a good meal any time of the year.

Amos Seagle was showing a group of farmers some excellent seed sweet potatoes, the talk turning to many ways the toothsome tuber may be cooked; at the mention of potato custard made rich and juicy, a colored farmer ejaculated, "fer goodness sake, don't say no mo'."

What with all the storms, continuous rains, wars and rumors of wars, conversation often turns to the the question, what are we coming to?

GOOD SEED NECESSARY FOR HIGH CORN YIELD

The 2,489,000 acres of corn harvested in North Carolina last year exceeded the combined acreage of cotton, tobacco, and the small grains. Corn is grown in every county in the state and on 91 per cent of the farms, said Dr. G. K. Middleton, in charge of corn and small grain research for the North Carolina Agricultural experiment Station.

Yet the average corn yield per acre in the state is only 18 bushels, he said. A good farmer should secure yields three times this amount.

In fact, he stated, yields of 95 to 100 bushels per acre have been produced in the state.

Good seed of a variety well adapted to the soil and climatic conditions of the farm is one of the most important factors in producing a heavy yield.

The importance of selecting a well suited variety may be illustrated by experiments conducted at the costal plain branch experiment station at Willard.

Latham's Double corn has produced a yield of 54.3 bushels per acre for the past six years. On similar fields at the experiment station, Reid's Yellow Dent produced only 37.2 bushels.

Some hybrid varieties have been developed that produce heavy yields. Dr. Middleton pointed out, but other hybrids fail to produce anything like as good a crop as the standard varieties.

Consequently, he urged farmers to stick to varieties known to be good until the hybrids have been definitely proven to be of value.

Information regarding the best varieties for North Carolina may be obtained from county farm agents or the agricultural editor at State College.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to all our friends and relatives our deep appreciation for the great kindness and sympathy shown us at the recent death of our daughter and sister, Mrs. Zeldia Lines, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Callie Yelton and Family.

Today Thursday at Marion Theatre a comedy melodrama "HERE COMES TROUBLE".

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SPIRITUALS BY DONALD LEE MOORE PRIZED, NCFMC MEET

Brevard, April 4. — Donald Lee Moore, Brevard composer was given an ovation at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs held in High Point recently when his prize winning composition was sung before the large gathering.

Mr. Moore's composition, "I Tremble," a negro spiritual won the first prize in the song contest, sponsored by the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, for which he was presented a cash award at the state meeting. This was the first prize of this nature to be offered by the State Federation, and it was Mr. Moore's first entry in any musical contest. He composed both the words and music to his prize winning number. He was winner over approximately 100 contestants throughout the state.

Alvin Moore, brother of the prize winner, and also a composer and musician of note, sang the winning selection, playing his own accompaniment. Rendition of the number was followed by repeated applause, the audience not being satisfied until a second hearing was given. The composer made a few remarks in presentation of his selection before it was rendered by his brother.

Mr. Moore has been composing music since he was 14 years of age. He plays six instruments—the piano, saxophone, trombone, baritone, xylophone, and clarinet.

He is a musician of the self-made type, never having studied under an artist. His first composition to win public recognition was a march, "United We Stand," which was played over the radio by Henry Fillmore and his military band.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Large groups of young people are taking advantage of the B. T. U. study course being held each afternoon and evening this week. The banner class in attendance is the group of Intermediates taught by Miss Mary Frances Austelle.

The Y. W. A.'s will meet at 7:30 next Monday evening at the home of Miss Thelma Phillips in East Marion. Mrs. Gladys Long is in charge of a most interesting and challenging program.

The singing of Negro spirituals by the choral clubs last Sunday evening was greatly enjoyed by those present.

On next Sunday evening B. T. U. will begin promptly at 6:15, and following their regular program a short service will be held in the church auditorium where an Easter cantata will be given by the choral club. The change of hour has been made in order that those who so desire may enjoy the Music Club program at the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock.

Dr. B. F. Bray was the speaker at the chapel hour at Mars Hill College on Tuesday. This was a part of the special program in vocational week.

The adult study class, with the pastor and wife enjoyed a social hour with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dobson on View Point Drive, Monday evening, following the regular study course at the church.

The Junior Intermediate department of the Sunday School will have a social gathering in the church basement Friday evening of this week. Mrs. Zeb Vance, superintendent, assisted by her corps of teachers, is in charge of arrangements.

"There was a church in our town Which thought 'twas wondrous wise. It tried to pay expenses By selling cakes and pies. But after years of trying That plan to raise the cash The folks got tired of buying And the whole thing went to smash. "There was a church in our town And it was wondrous wise; It always paid expenses By simply paying tithes. For when 'twas found the tithe did pay It seemed so very plain Forthwith 'twould have no other plan Not even once again." —Baptist Standard.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Malachi 3:10.

Peace loving citizens might as well understand that peace has its price, no less definite than war, but a lot cheaper in the long run.

A LINE O' TYPE

or two about your friends And You

Louis Cutlar defining reliability as being where wanted, when wanted, to do the task assigned.

Miss Ruth Moore, formerly connected with Rutherford papers, in reminiscent mood, one craftsman to another.

J. L. Spratt, asked a few days ago about things at Dysartville, said it was mostly mud.

W. H. Greenlee offering land for sale, which he said was dirt cheap. At five bucks per acre, yes.

N. F. Steppe, home from Morganton, telling of a Kiwanis speaker who said J. B. Duke, tobacco king, got his start from a quarter he received from the sale of three dozen eggs.

Barron Caldwell, saying county schools are running smoothly; principals, teachers, pupils and patrons all work together.

Mrs. D. F. Giles graciously extending a welcome to one who had come to the little city she has learned to love in the happy years of her residence here.

W. C. McCall, running across an old customer who traded with him 44 years ago at McCall Brothers.

Miss Fleta Lisenbee reading with sympathetic interest the reporter's suggestion of public cooperation and responding with a bit of news.

Mrs. Georgia Nichols, who was missing at the distribution of Wrigley dollars but ran strong in the Smith Furniture Company contest, winning a kitchen cabinet for smart thinking.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stacy, Jr., visiting at this office; Miss Bessie saying she's enjoying life in the country and has plenty time to read her favorite newspaper, The Progress.

And this ennobling sentiment of Stephenson's is passed along from Colonel Joe Bird, in whose big heart it awakes a tender response:

So long as we love, we serve. So long as we are loved by others I would almost say we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.

A friend thanks you, Colonel.



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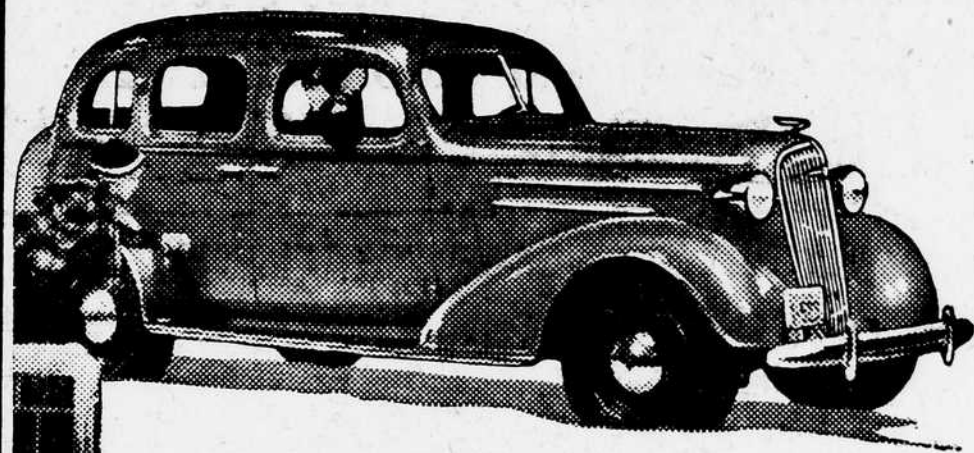
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