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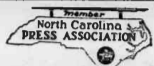
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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Send catalogues, about this time of the year, convince nearly every citizen of McDowell county that he could have a wonderful garden.

Marion deserves the loyalty of all of its citizens. When a community project is underway, it is the duty of everybody to lend a hand.

Next Sunday is a good Sunday to begin going to church regularly. No matter how well satisfied you are with yourself, you will probably find that you can be improved.

Marion merchants ask our residents to patronize them. A majority of them advertise in order to let customers know what they have for sale.

The whole truth about what Japanese soldiers have done in China would shock a world accustomed to brutality.

Governments exist for the benefit of people and when they fail to serve the people they should be replaced.

It's getting so these days you can't judge the size of a man's bank account by the size of the automobile he drives.

Fussy people should be put in houses to themselves so that they can battle it out to suit themselves.

SERVICE FROM SUN

For a long time science has been toying with the idea that one day means can be found to corral and hog-tie enough of the sun's energy to supply humankind with fuel, heat and other essentials. There is no doubt that the possibilities are there since it is known that in the tropics the sun pours enough energy on a single square mile to equal the energy released by the combustion of 7,400 tons of coal.

No practicable method has yet been found to convert this energy into the needs of home, factory and shop. It isn't required now, since there are fuel and power to spare from other sources. But against the prospective need of some far future date the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has given a scientist a \$650,000 fund to be used in re-examining solar heat.

An experimental house has been built with a heat trap on the roof through which water circulates. Energy is stored in the basement in the form of hot water. By this device it is hoped in the course of time to develop means by which the house may be cooled by sun's rays in summer, heated in winter, and supplied with power for a multitude of tasks. If the research proves successful, it is doubtful if solar devices would come into use for many years. But gadgets to store solar energy would be a welcome reserve for an age of humankind that is increasingly dependent upon power.

TURKISH PROVERBS

A thousand friends are few; one foe, many.

Contentment is an inexhaustible treasure.

The courteous learns his courtesy from the discourteous.

Today's egg is better than tomorrow's hen.

He that accomplishes his ends by deceit shall render up his soul with anguish.

Satan's friendship reaches to the prison door.

The heart's testimony is stronger than a thousand witnesses.

It is not by saying "honey, honey" that sweetness comes into the mouth.

One already wet does not fear the rain.

Victories attended with little advantage will ruin rather than enlarge an empire.

Builders

"Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings

And clowns that caper in sawdust rings

And just plain folks like you and me,

Are builders for Eternity?

To each is given a bag of tools,

A shapeless mass and a book of rules;

And each must make, ere life is flown,

A stumbling block or a stepping stone."

32,000 DEAD AND LITTLE WORRY

One of the prices the American people are paying for speed on the highways is the loss of 32,000 lives in 1939, the injury of 1,150,000 persons and an economic loss which is estimated at \$1,500,000,000 by the National Safety Council.

While the death rate on our highways in 1939 was virtually the same as in 1938, it is estimated that travel increased six per cent over the previous year and that, "based on motor-vehicle mileage, there are only 12.2 persons killed for each 100,000,000 miles of motor vehicle travel. It is interesting to observe the apathy of the American public to such an enormous death toll. If some mysterious malady should suddenly begin to strike down Americans in various parts of the nation, at a rate that exceeds three every hour, the newspapers would be filled with alarming stories, consternation would grip the entire population and the churches would not be big enough to hold the crowds which flocked there to pray.

However, everybody knows why there are accidents on the highways. It is easy to understand that when two vehicles collide, both going at from 60 to 65 miles an hour, the occupants are bound to get hurt and some of them will be killed. There is nothing mysterious about the cause of deaths and the public is not alarmed.

CAR SERVICE AT HAND

For every mile and a half of United States highways, says the American Automobile Association, there is a filling station or a garage. Is that too many? Too many, perhaps, to permit all to operate at a profit, but not too many for the accommodation of the traveling public.

For good or ill it has come to pass that the average motorist knows nothing whatever about his car. No longer, as in the ancient days, does he pull on a pair of overalls and get out and get under"; he is as helpless to correct the infirmities of his power plant as he would be to tinker with the mechanism of the Queen Mary.

Nor does he carry equipment to mend his own tires, and it would tax his ingenuity, as well as his temper, even to change a spare.

When stalled, therefore, he is stilled for good until professional assistance arrives. And a three-quarters of a mile walk or a five-minute wait is the limit he will en-

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Beware of too sublime a sense
Of your own worth and consequence. —Comper.

Unselfish and noble acts are
the most radiant epochs in the
biography of souls.—Thoreau.

He had no crown, but he was
kind;

He had no throne, but he was
strong;

Good deeds he did, and loving
words

He said, the whole day long.
—Turner.

It is incumbent upon every
person of every description to
contribute to his country's welfare.—Washington.

We, too, at times come nigh to
lose our hope,

When with life's evils we no
more can cope,

And in the dark with heavy
hearts we grope.

But God sees otherwise.
—Oxenham.

See how the mass of men worry
themselves into nameless
graves, while here and there a
great unselfish soul forgets
himself into immortality.
—Emerson.

sure without calling the country thereabouts a desert.

As long as the stations do not so greatly mar the landscape, as long as their service is rendered with the courtesy which has become so pleasantly characteristic of them, and as long—their own lookout—as they can make both ends meet with their earnings, their increase of numbers will draw no loud complaint from the public.

When a motorist drives past 100 stations in succession without stopping, he may feel that there are 99 too many. But when none is found nearby at the moment he suddenly and sorely needs it, he is quick to conclude that there is at least one too few.

ONCE UPON A TIME

Once upon a time there was a man, who lived in a town, and spent all of his money away from home. He was sure that he could take care of himself, and that his town didn't mean anything to him.

After a few years, his business wasn't so keen as he had hoped it would be, his friends didn't seem to think he was quite as important as he thought he was, and trade seemed to flow by his doors.

He began to watch his competitor, who he found was an intelligent advertiser, a contributor to the public purse, a man anxious to give some of his time and thought to community projects, and a believer in the fact that it pays to keep money at home, where it can keep floating around between the stores and businesses there.

And, after noting all these factors, he continued to wonder why some of his customers went to the newcomer, and why almost everybody had the idea that he was a tightwad and his competitor a public spirited leader of community life.

FOR FINLAND—WORDS?

Americans are cheering for Finland. Her valiant struggle against the Soviet giant has captured their imaginations. And some perceive that the Finns are fighting for ideals and interests in which the United States has a very large stake. Words in praise of Finland fill the press and the mouths of citizens. Americans have been eager to send aid to Finnish refugees through the Hoover committee and the Red Cross. They have applauded all the steps taken by other countries to send planes and guns and men.

But there is resistance to the furnishing of the nonmilitary loan just approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Cheers—from a grandstand four thousand miles away—are cheap. But dollars require at least some risk. In Berlin the Voelkischer Beobachter says: "Small states are pushed into something; then big ones avoid action—and take up collections." America has furnished more than words for Finland and the right instinct of the American people will see that their desire to give further help is made effective.—Christian Science Monitor.

DO YOU KNOW—



That the European cranberry, found in Canada and northern United States was the sacred plant of the ancient Druids. There is also a larger berry which is native to America.

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