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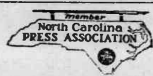
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NOTES AND COMMENTS

The end of the world will catch a number of people promising to do better.

The best way to save money is to refuse to buy anything until you can pay cash.

Who will be the next automobile victim in McDowell county? It may be you unless you are extremely careful.

Every citizen should remember to boost Marion when away from home. If we don't advertise our own town, nobody else will.

Most older folk will tell you that the old days were wonderful but few of them wish to have them back.

Our own observation is that those who keep up with their own business have very little time to keep up with someone else's business.

A town is no better than its citizens demand. If they don't know how streets and yards should be kept, it's a cinch that they will not add anything to the beauty of the municipality.

NATURE'S BEAUTY PARADE

Delayed about a month by extremely cold weather, Nature is about to put on her annual show. During the next few weeks it will take a very belligerent individual to keep his mind upon the fighting that is going on across the Atlantic ocean.

Trees, bushes and plants, apparently dead only a short while back, will burst in bloom. Men will marvel at the beauty of color and wonder at the splendor that enriches the earth in Spring.

We are not much at naming the species that give mankind the tonic that new life affords but one can hardly walk around nowadays without an impression of loveliness at hand. Everybody can enjoy the bountiful exhibition that Nature offers and every body should.

NEWCOMERS IN BIG BUSINESS

Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck are in the ranks of big business, it seems, with the announcement that their creator, Walt Disney, will offer \$4,000,000 of preferred stock to the investing public in order to secure new capital with which to continue the exploits of these famous film characters.

Just a few years ago, Mr. Disney had nothing but an idea. Put into the film, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," the idea grooved, up to the end of the year, \$4,677,862, which is not alfalfa, even according to Hollywood ideas.

The common stock of the organization, which began as a family enterprise in 1933, is owned by Walter E. Disney, Lillian B. Disney, Roy O. Disney and Edna F. Disney. Last year the net income of the business was more than a million dollars.

THE DEMAND FOR MORE WARFARE

The demand in Great Britain and France for a more energetic prosecution of the war is dangerous. It illustrates, perhaps, the ignorance of the critics who do not seem to understand the difficulties that the democracies face in the present struggle.

Competent critics have expressed the belief that Germany is maintaining its superior aerial position and there has not been enough fighting to deplete the material reserves that Hitler has prepared for the war.

Against this position is the belief that Hitler did not want a general war over the Polish affair and that his military experts warned him that Germany could not stand a long war.

Just now it is impossible to know what is the truth. Five or ten years after the war ends we will be able to know what the facts are.

OUT IN THE FIELDS

The little cares that fretted me, I lost them yesterday Among the fields above the sea, Among the winds at play, Among the lowing of the herds, The rustling of the trees, Among the singing of the birds, The humming of the bees. The fooling fears of what might be, I cast them all away Among the clover scented grass, Among the plover mown hay; Among the hushing of the corn Where the drowsy poppies nod, Where ill thoughts die and good are born, Out in the fields with God. —Charles M. Berkheimer.

THE COUNTRY TOWN

An American country town, where no one is alone.

Where all are friends, where neighborliness and friendliness prevail, where each is his brother's keeper, where no one is alone.

Where life is simple, where there is kindness and warmth and friendliness for all and from all. Where homes are abiding places of happy families and into which all are welcomed without distinction.

Where unselfishness prevails and affection and thoughtfulness is evidenced each day and hour.

Where Banker Brown is the friend and associate of Drayman Stine, and lends a helping hand when Mr. Stine or little Jimmie Stine is ill.

Where Merchant Smith pats crippled Jerry Murphy's tousled head and hands him a bit of candy or some cookies, which Jerry's widowed mother could not buy.

Where neighbors drop in by the hour on feeble Grandmother Goodman, carrying nourishing foods to tempt her failing appetite, so she may not feel alone.

Where every home is open to Sam Plover, the town barber, and his small son, Willie, while Mrs. Plover languishes in the hospital, that they may not feel alone.

Where there are no class distinctions, no social outcasts, no one without friends. Where no one is alone. That is the American country town, as near a paradise as this earth can provide.

To be a part of such a community is a privilege. To perform a service for its kindly people is the even greater privilege that comes to the editor of a country community news paper.

He records the arrival of little Mary Jones and the joy of her parents. He has a mention of her when she enters the first grade in school. He prints a brief story of her parties. He records her name as a graduate from the grade school, and when she enters the high school, again when she goes away to college, and then welcomes her home when her college days are over. He carries in his columns the announcement of her engagement to Sam Coles and a column or more about the wedding and the establishment of her new home.

He prepares with a loving heart a tribute to Grandma when she passes to the great beyond.

He records the comings and goings of the people of the community without distinction as to class or social standing. They are all people of the community, all of equal merit.

His job and his privilege is to protect and promote the interests of such a town and such people—a job when well done that is worth having.

May American keep and preserve her country communities where kindness and friendships and real culture reign — where no one is alone.—Publisher's Auxiliary.

SAYINGS FROM SHAKESPEARE

- Condemn the fault and not the actor of it. Of all bad passions fear is most accursed. A little fire is quickly trodden out, which, being suffered, rivers cannot quench. Flattery is the bellows that blows up sin. When the fox hath once got in his nose, he'll soon find means to make the body follow. A friend should bear a friend's infirmities. The ripest fruit falls first. Rich gifts wax poor when the givers prove unkind. 'Tis not enough to help the feeble up but to support him after. If I lose my honor, I lose myself. Kindness nobler ever than revenge. Love sought is good, but given unsought is better.

MARCH FLOWER TIPS

Get the window boxes ready for use in front windows or on front porch. One of the first essentials is to use a good window box soil. The following is excellent. 2 parts good garden-loam soil, 1 part leaf mold, 1 part sand. Mix these and add well rotted stable manure.

In planting flower seed keep in mind whether or not those planted are adapted to full sunlight exposure. The following will do well in such places: cornflower, California poppy, ageratum, sweet alyssum, snapdragon, cosmos, annual gaillardia, hollyhock, Mexican fire bush, Texas blue bonnet, crotalaria, marigold, portulaca, salvia, scabiosa, verbena, annual phlox, periwinkle, strawflower, cockscomb, zinnia, and bachelor button.

None of the annual flowers is particularly well adapted to dense shade. The following will do well in partial shade: larkspur, pansy, calendula, balsam, sweet alyssum, marigold and verbena. In spots that are shady part of the day the following perennials do reasonably well: coreopsis, day lily, fairy lily, German iris, four o'clock, spider lily, narcissus, crocus, tiger lily, and violets.

Some of the leading perennials that do well in partial sunlight include carnation, wallflower, chrysanthemum, pinks, garden phlox, Shasta daisy, ox-eye daisy, four o'clock, lantana, peony, day lily, coreopsis, German Dutch, Japanese and Siberian iris, regal lily, madonna lily, and dahlia.

Where you do not have a piece of ground devoted entirely to flowers, plant a portion of the vegetable garden. Iris, peony, daffodil, day lily, and coreopsis adapt themselves especially well to the vegetable garden. Also, the following will do well in a permanent flower bed in the vegetable garden: hollyhock, petunia, Shasta daisy, cosmos, larkspur. Annual flowers that grow well in the vegetable garden are zinnia, marigold, verbena, sweet pea, calliopsis, and scabiosa. Plant in rows just like vegetables and cultivate in the same general way.

For producing quick blooms, the following should not be overlooked: zinnia, cosmos, marigold, nasturtium, calliopsis, centaurea, petunia, pinks, and sweet alyssum. Now or within the next 30 or 40 days is the proper time to plant summer and fall blooming lilies including butterfly, ginger, Nassau, and tiger lilies. If you have a bed of tiger lilies, this is the time to separate, divide, and replant.

Among the best flowers to use in porch boxes and hanging baskets are the following: ivy geranium, marguerite daisy, lobelia, creeping campanula, dwarf nasturtium, and porch "petunia." — L. A. Niven in The Progressive Farmer.

AIM OF EDUCATION

- The Student says Books. The Scholar says Knowledge. The Preacher says Character. The Minister says Service. The Philosopher says Truth. The Artist says Beauty. The Epicurean says Happiness. The Stoic says Self-control. The Christian says Self-denial. The Statesman says Co-operation. The Ruler says Loyalty. The Patriot says Patriotism. The Sage says Wisdom. The Youth says Achievement. The Soldier says Courage. The Editor says Success. The Manufacturer says Efficiency. The Banker says Wealth. The Dreamer says Vision. The Friend says Friendship. The Pedagogue says Personality. The Physician says Health. The Biologist says Growth. The Psychologist says Unfoldment. The Sociologist says Adjustment. But the true educator says all of these, and more, must be utilized.

The hardest job that the individual has in life is to persuade himself, or herself, to do what he, or she, thinks should be done.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

By Rev. Paul A. Boriack, B. D., Pastor St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Marion, N. C.

The Easter story demonstrates the important part women played at the time of Christ's death and resurrection. And rightly so. "Nothing has so elevated the wives and mothers, womanhood, as the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All mankind must look to Christ for the assurance of a saved life, now and hereafter. There is salvation in no other name, the Bible states. Either the Bible must be accepted as a Book of Truth or a book of lies. We make that decision by accepting or denying Christ as the only Savior of mankind. In the Bible, the Book of truth, Christ states: He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father Who has sent Him.

But the gospel of Christ has been a special blessing to womanhood generally in a social manner. May womanhood always be aware of that fact, regardless of what attitude woman takes toward Jesus as a personal Savior from all sins, the curse and power of sin, in her own individual existence. This is of great significance in our day when the very foundations of civilization seemingly want to topple.

"National security will never be in doubt so long as the women of America remain true to the Christ of the cross," Lutheran Hour Release.

"We depend largely upon the wives and mothers of the country to give spiritual and moral direction to the children and the household and the dangerous hour for the church, the state and the home comes when the women oppose or do not retain their active interest in the Christian code." Continued.

Let womanhood mark these words well: "Too many of our generation have forgotten the meaning of repentance." It involves more than remorse and the signing of pledges of improvement. It must be founded on a living, active, progressive faith in Christ and His sin-removing cross. If that faith existed in all hearts the number of suicides, despondency and pessimism, mental ailments, would be drastically reduced.

Many so-called Christians of today need a heavenly injection of living loyalty and heroism by the Holy Ghost. Too many are ready enough to acclaim a dead Christ but unwilling to exalt the living Savior in a clean, godly life. The need of the day is a complete, living, heroic acceptance of Christ and all His Teachings and not a grudging, unwilling, skeptical, questioning admiration.

1940 EXPECTED TO BE GOOD TOURIST YEAR

Raleigh, March 25.—Inquiries are pouring into the office of the Governor's Hospitality Committee of the Department of Conservation and Development at the rate of about 100 a day asking for information about North Carolina, according to J. C. Baskerville, executive secretary of the committee. Most of these letters are from persons in other states who have seen North Carolina advertisements or read stories about the state and who are interested in coming here on vacations this spring or summer.

As a result of this unusual interest in North Carolina, it is believed that the 1940 tourist season will be even better than last year when almost 3,000,000 people visited North Carolina and spent approximately \$100,000,000. Baskerville pointed out.

POPULATION

If present trends continue it is predicted that in 1980 the number of persons born in the United States will about balance those who die and our population will be stationary. Dr. Guy I. Burch estimates, however, that there will be 26,380,000 males of fighting age between 20 and 45.

CCC

During April the CCC will enroll 65,000 young men as replacements for men who will leave camp at the end of this month. Applications number 170,000. There are about 290,400 men in the CCC.

The value of American petroleum exports in 1939 was \$384,000,000.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds of McDowell County, subject to the Democratic Primary May 25th. Your support will be highly appreciated.

JOHN M. STEPP.

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Advertisement for there's MONEY IN EVERY BAG V-C FERTILIZERS. Includes image of a fertilizer bag and text: 'Here is Real Crop Producing POWER that puts Extra Dollars in Your Pockets!!'

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