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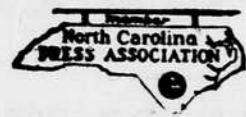
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## MOTHER'S DAY

The second Sunday in May, Mother's day, presents mankind with an opportunity to do honor to the living and revere the memory of departed mothers.

Mere words cannot adequately express the heartfelt gratitude of sons and daughters whose lives have been blessed by devoted mothers.

The mother, loving and beloved, not only inspires her children but, more particularly, by precept and example, teaches, trains, uplifts and improves them.

The homage that men and women pay the shrines of motherhood is but a token of memories deep in their hearts. Adult years, with parenthood and understanding, are often necessary before one fully appreciates the service and selfless sacrifice of mothers.

Let us not forget, however, that, in the words of Thackeray, "Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children."

Coleridge called a mother the "the holiest thing alive" and George Herbert thought one good mother "worth a hundred schoolmasters." A Spanish proverb adds, "An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest."

Most beloved is the Yiddish proverb, "God could not be everywhere, so he made mother."

## STRETCH FOOD SUPPLY

There is danger that the world will not grow enough food to feed its expanding population, according to Dr. Julian Huxley, British scientist and former director of a prominent United Nations organization.

Dr. Huxley says that if something does not happen to the population increase, it "will catch up with food production" and that "then the human race will be in a very bad way indeed."

The population of the world seems to be increasing. There is no telling how much the increase will be in the next century if only part of the present schemes for the assistance of "backward peoples" get underway. This rapid increase of population may produce the shortage of food that the English scientist predicts.

There is another aspect to the situation. The possibility exists that the production of food, feed and fiber will increase more rapidly through mechanization and better farming methods than the population. It is easy to believe, despite the somewhat pessimistic predictions of population experts, that the farmers of the world, if given the tools, will produce ample crops to sustain the people of the world.

## WHAT AGGRESSION COST

In 1941, the rulers of Japan set out to drive the white race out of the Far East and to take over Asia for the Asiatics. With the nations of Europe engaged in a death-grapple, the Japanese leaders thought the time propitious to give the United States a lesson.

The total cost of the effort, as estimated by the Economic Stabilization Board, is \$31,000,000,000, about half of which represents non-military assets. Forty per cent of Japan's aggregate urban area was damaged, with 2,252,000 buildings totally destroyed and 110,000 damaged. The loss in human lives is put at 1,850,000, of which 295,000 were civilians. Those injured aggregated 7,990,000.

The industrial empire of the Japanese was also severely crippled. Direct and indirect losses, expressed in percentages are: Steam power, 30; copper refining, 22; aluminum, 24; machine tools, 25; ball bearing, 20; rolling stock, 25; automobiles, 21; ammonium sulphate, 54; cement, 27; cotton spinning, 19; silk spinning, 12; cotton weaving, 14, and wood pulp, 10 per cent.

The figures can hardly convey an accurate picture of the devastation and destruction that came to Japan as a result of her aggressive military action. They should, however, serve as an adequate warning to the Chinese Communists, or any other peoples, as to the cost of running the United States out of any area in the world.

Highway fatalities will show a decline if every automobile drive will make a rule to take no risks on the highway.

## KINDNESS WEEK

"Be Kind to Animals" Week, which starts on May 1 this year, has become fast rooted in American life, an observance of one of the humane qualities Americans have learned to consider basic.

In the 35 years since it was initiated, "Be Kind to Animals" Week has, furthermore, become in the minds of most of us a celebration directed at children, and this for the happy reason that grownups are now assumed to have learned its lessons.

The Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which originated and now sponsor the "week," can take unto themselves credit for having made kindness to animals as commonly accepted an attitude as honesty.

It seems incredible today that there was once a time when a man would not be thought unusual who kicked a mongrel dog out of his way or beat a truck horse to get it up an icy hill.

But now all sentiment and law are arrayed against this kind of practice, and the influence of the kindness-to-animals movement have reached far beyond the welfare of animals into that of the human family.

It is not a bad time to recall that it was Henry Bergh, founder of the SPCA, who also founded the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.—Christian Science Monitor.

## MILLION-A-DAY FOR SPUDS

In connection with his appearance before the House Agricultural Committee, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannon called attention to the cost of the farm program that is now in operation.

Mr. Brannon said that "potatoes are costing almost \$1,000,000 every working day under the present program" and intimated that some similar examples would be found to exist in connection with eggs, pork and milk.

The Secretary of Agriculture called attention to the fact that it would be necessary, in connection with the price support programs, to go in "substantial proportions" and that the taxpayers' dollars would be used, under the present law, "to maintain high prices."

Mr. Bannan took note of the objections, raised by some critics of the long-range farm act, that it would mean "much more complete control over the nation's six million farms than before," by denying that there were many controls in the new program that were not included in the law written by Senator Aiken, of Vermont.

## GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES

Since there is continued speculation as to the Federal, State and local governmental employees, we call attention to a report of the Census Bureau that in January these workers numbered 6,083,000, with an aggregate payroll of \$1,340,400,000.

The Federal Government had 2,089,000 employees at a cost of \$532,100,000. State and local governments had 3,984,000 employees at a cost of \$802,300,000. Included in the State local figures are 1,636,000 school employees who receive \$367,100,000.

The figures show that in the year ending in January, the number of Federal employees increased by 106,000 and the number of workers tends to grow as the people of the nation demand more and more services from their governments.

## MOTHER'S DAY OBSERVANCE

Mother's Day, May 8, will be observed in most Protestant churches across the nation with special music and sermons emphasizing the importance of the mother in the home, in the training of children, and in the building of a strong nation. In many of the churches the emphasis will be upon "family life" rather than upon the one member of the family. The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ is stressing the importance of the Christian family and of its religious activities as a balance to secular interests which have been contributing to juvenile delinquency, divorce, moral laxity and crime. The week from May 1 to 8 is being observed as National Family Week with emphasis on the relations of the whole family to the church.

Beautiful Marion is the business of those who live here. Outsiders and transient peddlers will not be interested.

Differences of opinion, publicly stated and publicly discussed are the essence of popular self-government.

Careful habits will often save somebody's life and the interesting part of it is that it might be your own life that is saved.

The explanation of many automobile accidents is in the fact that the driver of the car did not believe in signs.

The balanced, rational life includes a portion of play and pleasure.

## Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

MAY 4, 1922

"Mrs. John Wilson, of Nebo, was last Monday sworn in as a member of the Board of County Commissioners. . . . Mr. Wilson is one of the best known citizens of McDowell county. He held the important office of treasurer several years ago and is considered a man of unusual business ability."

"Red Star Pharmacy which has been managed for several years by W. A. Landis, has just been purchased by Kenneth Kirby who is now in charge of this drug business, at this well-known stand."

"Mr. Landis is a veteran of the late war and on account of the condition of his health thought it necessary to make a change in business. He will take government training and expects to go into a different line of business at a future date."

"Mr. Kirby is well and favorably known throughout this section and is a graduate and experienced druggist. He is a young man of sterling business qualifications and is capable of operating successfully a drug business."

MAY 11, 1922

"The link of the widest highway between Rutherfordton and Chimney Rock will be completed by the first of June, it is announced."

"E. G. Berger, of Morganton, has opened a lunch room in the room in the Seagle Building formerly occupied by Von Ray."

MAY 25, 1922

"At the meeting of the County Board of Commissioners on last Monday contracts for the construction of the court house were let. The general building contract was awarded to Southern Ferro Concrete Company, of Atlanta, Ga., at \$124,500; the contract for marble work was awarded to S. J. Bean, of Asheville, at \$5,135.12; the contract for plumbing to Southern Plumbing Company, Winston-Salem, at \$8,550; heating contract to J. L. Powers, of Bennettsville, S. C., at \$6,793; electrical supplies to J. L. Powers at \$3,995. Work on the building is expected to begin within a short time."

"Dr. Rom Brown Butt, of Bakersville, is planning to come to Marion to practice his profession. He expects to come to Marion about June 15 and will occupy the residence now occupied by Dr. P. D. Sinclair."

## TALL TALES

By ELIZABETH WHITTEN

Remember the story of the man who kicked aside his Chatham blankets and Mohawk sheets one morning, changed from his Manhattan pajamas into a suit of Curlee clothes, a Marlboro shirt, Hickok belt, Wemberly tie and Florsheim shoes, downed a cup of Maxwell House coffee, savored his Armour ham and Mrs. Roger's bread spread with Biltmore butter. Then glancing briefly at his Charlotte Observer, he hurried to his Buick automobile. On his way to the office he bought a tube of Colgate tooth paste and Burma shave and then said he didn't believe in advertising.

Reminds you of the little old ladies who begin each scandal with, "I don't really gossip, BUT . . ."

What is advertising anyway? It is simply telling the public about what you have to sell. If your advertising doesn't pay you, it's time to analyze carefully! If business isn't all it should be, try to imagine yourself as a customer walking into your store. Would you respond to the kind of service, the prices, the quality of merchandise offered? Notice the newspapers in nearby towns and cities. Are your prices as low—or better still lower—than these people you are competing with? Is your stock displayed as attractively? Do you offer the same courteous accommodations? Are your clerks and you yourself greeting the customers with a pleasant, cheerful conversation or are you complaining about the weather, the lack of money in circulation, your symptoms and— heaven forbid—using the obsolete story about merchandise being "hard to get."

Because if you are, you are destroying all the good effects the advertising might have had.

Look at it from an impersonal view. Would describing a delicious meal make a person less likely to want food? Would reminding a friend of the good ole swimming hole on an unbearably hot day make him less likely to want to take a swim? Would telling someone the

## Farm News

Two North Carolina 4-H Club members have been selected to go to Europe this summer under the International Farm Youth Exchange Project. They are Carolyn Durham Smith of Andrews, who will go to Norway, and Coyte Joseph Sigmon of Catawba, who will go to France.

North Carolina imported nearly one-fourth of its fluid milk supply from other states last year at an estimated cost of five and a half million dollars.

The total number of all cattle and calves on North Carolina farms declined about 3 per cent last year.

U. S. Department of Agriculture scientists are testing no less than 40-odd new insecticides as possible replacements for DDT. Where DDT has been widely used, insects are rapidly building up a resistance to it.

Ground corn cobs now are being added to some abrasive hand soaps. Corn meal has been used for this purpose in the past, but its present value as a food required a substitute.

## ESCAPE ENEMIES

Flying fish, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica, probably move through the air to escape capture by other fish, sometimes sailing over the water as far as 200 feet. It's only a matter of picking and choosing.

Read The Progress for local and current events.

most likeable and admirable qualities of one of your friends make him less likely to want to know the friend? Then why wouldn't a description of a good product at a reasonable price plus service with a smile make anyone more anxious to buy?

A young married man approached a friend one day and said "why don't you and your wife come out and have a bridge game with us this evening?"

"Gee, Tom, I'd love to," the man said hesitantly, "but I haven't a wife."

Time marches on. One night Tom phoned his friend.

"Look, my wife and I are planning to attend the dance next weekend and we have a lady friend visiting us. Why not come along and make it a foursome?"

"Gee, Tom, I'd love to, but my wife and I are busy caring for our three weeks old daughter."

Marion is just the right size. It's small enough to walk anywhere you want to go, big enough to find anything you want, fashionable enough to provide interesting social life, small enough to keep it discreet, big enough to be sophisticated, small enough to be friendly, big enough to offer opportunities, small enough to encourage initiative, big enough to have wide streets and adequate lighting, small enough to have pretty lawns and flowers, big enough to provide necessities, small enough to develop appreciation for immaterial things. Whatever you want is here. It's only a matter of picking and choosing.

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 GALES American Custom CHOCOLATES FAN BOX One of Gifts for Mother's Day. 1 lb. <b>2.00</b>	 SPECIAL BOXED STATIONERY 65c to \$1.25 values. Your choice, <b>47c</b>	 GLASS TUMBLERS Gay design in handy pack. <b>6 for 49c</b>	 White Mink PERFUME Bewitching fragrance of sophistication. 1/4 ounce <b>475</b> plus tax	 Gem of Gifts For Mother GALES AMERICAN CUSTOM CHOCOLATES FAN BOX 1 pound <b>2.00</b>
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27c Kleenex Facial Tissues . . . . . 300's <b>19c</b>	6 1/2" Envelopes . . . . . Package of 12 <b>3c</b>
Vinyl Shower Cap . . . . . assorted colors <b>19c</b>	49c Hall's Borated Talc . . . . . <b>29c</b>
Paper Napkins . . . . . pkg. of 80, 2 for <b>27c</b>	Paper Towels . . . . . 150's <b>19c</b>
Imported Virgin Olive Oil . . . . . Pint <b>1.19</b>	Vinyl Baby Pants . . . . . 4 sizes, Choice <b>19c</b>

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