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If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door . . . — Genesis 4:7.

It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink; lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. . . — Proverbs 30:4, 5.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever. . . . — Isaiah 40:8.

"IT WAS A FAMOUS VICTORY"

ON Tuesday a battle of votes was fought to a finish in Wake county. The forces of finance and appetite won. That night in Chicago a battle was fought to the count. The black man and physical force won.

The results of both fights are already known in part. The prize fighter was handed a purse of gold and the championship of the world. And he stands today crowned as the winning dog, bull, lion or elephant. Education, finance, society, religion, culture have gained nothing, but rather all have suffered. In Louis' victory comes no inspiration to rise above brute and the beast. Though he won, the race lost.

In the other victory Wake county will be handed a few thousand paltry dollars and the championship of liquor interests. John Barley-corn stands today crowned king among us. He dominates society, business and even the church by the grace of the voters of Wake county. Citizens have superficially argued temperance, control and revenue. They dared not stop to listen to conscience or even the God in whose image they were created. Other more practical and pleasing voices were calling.

With the veneer of legality covering conscience daddy may now buy his drink unashamed before his small son. The only appeal left to sober minded men is conscience and the teaching of the Book. After all, this has always been the highest authority against drink and its bedfellows. Churches must demand of their members total abstinence as the price of good standing or standing at all among the people of God. Parents who believe in and practice prohibition personally, must now take up the long neglected duty of teaching their sons and daughters that intoxicating drink is a curse to the individual, society and the state. Whether under the dominion of the bootlegger or ABC store, liquor will never be routed till men's moral senses are roused and they realize that the supreme test of manhood and character is not whether a thing be legal, but whether it be right. Abuse, argument, anger and kindred conduct will never win. Facts, education, training, example and Christian manhood will do what ballots will never do. It may take a decade to prepare for the next battle of ballots, but the forces of prohibition will then win with a reserve army that the enemy will not even dare challenge. We lost the battle, but can win the war. "Be sober minded." "Be of good courage." "Quit you like men!"

NOT IN THE DEPTHS

We admit the discouragement, but so long as we find that as topics for town talk a hiking and camping trip by a crowd of youngsters shares importance with the latest prize-fight and

a county election, we are not utterly cast down.

SCOUT WORK NEEDED

Of all organizations outside the church for the development of manhood and womanhood it is probable that Scout work is outstanding. Not one phase of it but tends toward self-reliance, industry, truth and honor. We have in the past had scout troops in Zebulon and a number of those who are now young men were active in the organization.

But for years not even a patrol has functioned. This is for lack of leadership. The boys are willing and eager to do their part, but need direction. Their parents are in many cases interested, but do not know just how to proceed. If some man who loves boyhood and youth can find it in his heart to revive the work, we do not doubt that he will have an embarrassment of riches as regards material with which to work. And we feel safe in asserting that a scout leader would meet with hearty cooperation from parents. Not all, perhaps, could help actively, but this week's hiking and camping trip led by Dr. Coltrane has proven to a great extent the desire of fathers for their sons to have a part in the experiences and pleasures that rightfully belong to boyhood.

Right now, as we see it, is the time for concerted effort by the community to sponsor scout projects. Let Zebulon and the community adjacent give a continued demonstration of what may be done with and by boys when guided and directed.

And let some man — or men — demonstrate willingness to serve by leading.

EXPERIENCE A DEAR SCHOOL

Ben. Franklin said "experience keeps a dear school but fools will learn in no other." It is equally true that some people, fools or otherwise, will not even learn in the school of experience.

When the government began its relief work back at the beginning of the depression, money was handed out as by a blind man. When a relief worker was asked why so much money was spent foolishly and extravagantly, she replied that they gave help as quickly as possible and that there was not time for investigation owing to the urgent need for help. But now, years after the depression is over, we find relief and other public benefactions being bestowed just as foolishly and unnecessarily as in the beginning of the depression.

Only a few days ago the WPA (We Pay All) officials in North Carolina announced an allotment of over \$30,000 to operate sewing machines in Rowan county. Just think, thirty thousand dollars to be distributed among a few hundred women in a dozen or two communities for operating a machine six hours a day three days a week, making a few plain garments and hemming some sheets and pillow cases. We heard the other day of a man working on relief with a foreman over him and a supervisor over the foreman. In another instance there was a woman director who got more than \$50 a month. She had an assistant drawing around \$45. Under them were a dozen or less children from the best families in the community being cared for while many of the mothers visited or attended their club. The children most needing such help were not there.

We have a number of women in this community who are drawing fair salaries from relief funds. We are glad it is possible for them to get this employment. Most of them need the work and if they did not have a position, not know how they could live and support children. Many cases are worthy. But we are thinking especially of these flagrant cases of big pay, little work and much money spent on playgrounds and other community projects that profit those in need and the people as a whole profit nothing. No wonder men like Sen. Robinson are turning away from the President's program of spending and seeking to turn the tide of such extravagant waste of the people's money back to a program of sane economy.

THE DUFFEL BAG

If a few flies get into the house, don't wear yourself out chasing them. Just lie down to rest, and every one of the flies will come to you. Then you can swat them without getting up.

Oh, winter's bitter, icy winds
Can make us cringe and moan;
And summer's days of broiling heat
Don't fail to make us groan;
Much time is spent
In loud lament
Whatever weather's known.

IT'S EITHER LOUSY OR LULLABY

For the sake of the record we want to share with you Wilfred Funk's list of the ten most overworked words. Your education, charm and related qualities, he thinks, can be measured inversely with the frequency with which you use those words. He not only gives the list but also classifies the chief offenders.

1. Okay—children and shoppers.
2. Terrific—all persons "exposed to Hollywood for 24 hours or more."
3. Lousy—ditto.
4. Contact (both verb and noun)—advertising workers.
5. Definitely—society.
6. Gal—Broadwayites.
7. Racket—tradesmen.
8. Swell—interior decorators.
9. Impact—columnists and commentators.
10. Honey—stock broker.

A year or so ago Mr. Funk chose as most beautiful words in the English language; dawn, hush, lullaby, murmuring, tranquil, mist, luminous, chimes, golden and melody.

This is the season when a boy who thinks it a long walk to the grocery store or postoffice also thinks a hike of 15 miles is fun.

A writer claims that the radio signed the death warrant of chautauquas that used to travel length and breadth of the country stopping for a few days of "intensive culture" in various communities. Why leave home for entertainment that can be brought into your own room?

While this is not meant as an argument there is no contradiction in the statement that most idiots

their mouths nearly open all the time.

Teacher to pupil at beginning of fall term: Give a sentence using the word "gruesome."

Pupil: When I tried to put on my shoes after going barefooted all summer, I found my feet had grown some.

Girl (to jeweler): Please settle a dispute. My friend says this stone is called "turkows" and I say it is "turkwos". Which is right?

Jeweler: I am sorry, but both are wrong. This stone is really called "glass."

But say, how much is this free!"

BULLFROGS & UNDERTAKERS

For this we elect legislators: In Nebraska a bill to prohibit undertakers from swearing in the presence of the corpse; in Oklahoma a bill to pin large tin badges on paroled convicts; in Maryland a law making employers liable for workers' limbs, eye, teeth and "other artificial parts"; in New Mexico



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