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## BIBLE THOUGHT

So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.—1 Corinthians 9:24, 25.

## ON BUILDING HEALTH

It is an imperative moral obligation for every man to make himself as strong and robust as he can, to make himself the master and not the slave of his body and its demands.

—James Rowland Angell.

## Aid For Crippled Children

MANY crippled children of Macon county have been helped to health and happiness through the funds furnished by the sale of Easter seals. No cause is more appealing, and the response is always ready. The small gifts of many made possible in this way go to raise large sums each year for these afflicted children. The school children gladly spend several afternoons selling the seals. But the State's facilities for treating orthopedic cases do not meet the needs. The State-supported Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia, to which more serious cases are sent, and which has a splendid record of service, has facilities for only 160 children, and there are now over 300 on the hospital's waiting list.

"The North Carolina League for Crippled Children is doing a great and useful work and deserves the support of all our people," says Mrs. Melville Broughton, wife of Governor Broughton and vice-president of the league.

This year the people of North Carolina are asked to give liberally that the increasing need may be met.

## Kate Clark Billings

THE sympathy of hundreds of friends goes out to M. D. Billings in the loss of his beloved wife, who passed into the larger life last Monday morning.

Mrs. Billings came to Franklin as a bride and taught school with her husband for the first twenty years of their residence in Franklin, before he became superintendent of schools of Macon county. One who studied under her in those early years pays this tribute: "Mrs. Billings was one of the best teachers I ever knew, she put her whole self in her work and her interest in her pupils."

Those who were privileged to know Mrs. Billings in her later years will carry the memory of hours of delightful companionship with a woman whose friendship was warm and responsive, and who possessed a rare talent of wholesome wit and a keen intellect.

No less was her talent for homemaking, with a continuing love for her beautiful garden that received its owner's care until the last few weeks of her presence here. Her courageous and cheerful spirit under the discipline of suffering was an inspiring example to those who loved and admired her.

## Defense Through Skilled Workers

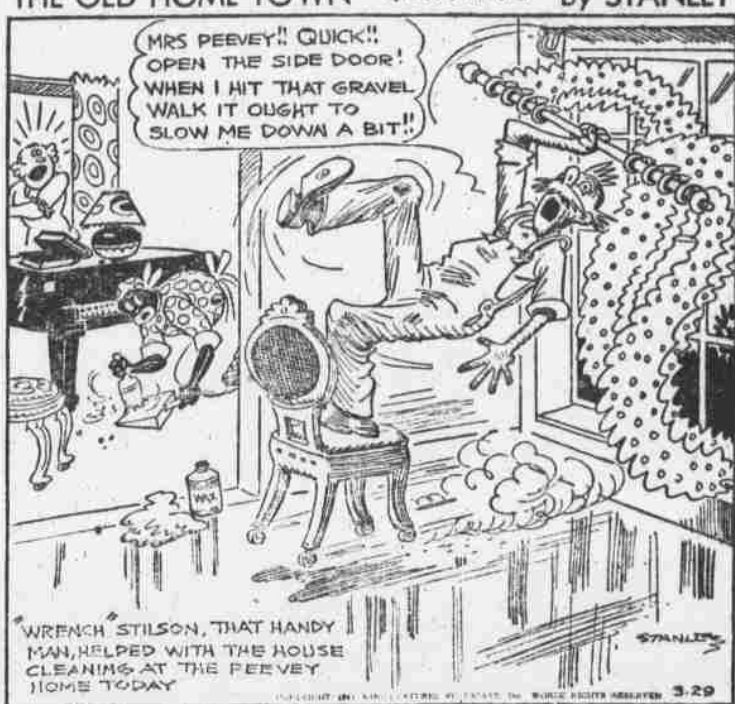
DEAN BIRD of Western Carolina Teachers college made an important observation in regard to skilled workers in his address at the Macon county teachers' banquet last Friday evening. He pointed out that North Carolina has not kept up with other states in producing skilled workers, a condition that has been brought home acutely in the increased defense demands.

He called upon teachers and educators of the state to wake up to the fact that North Carolina at present is producing only two classes of workers—unskilled labor and white-collar job seekers, which he proceeded to show was an unhealthy condition. "Today's demand is for neither of these, the need is for skilled workers—men and women who can think while they can build with their hands," observed the speaker.

Dean Bird reflected the broader concept of education that recognizes that skilled carpenters, plumbers and stonemasons are more valuable to the nation's business than too many bookkeepers.

Dean Bird's words, addressed to the state at large, bring home to this county its acute need at this time. We lack skilled workers and there is too high a percentage of untrained workers. Many of these are intelligent, ambitious young people that the present system of free public schools has passed by. The present crisis, like the draft in the World War, is bringing to light this weakness in our educational system. Even the state law that requires parents to send their children to school and county authorities to enforce this law has not worked for many unfortunate children. Therefore, when the

## THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



## SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT



call comes for trained workers we find young people in our midst who have grown up without even the first four grades.

Both state and federal funds are being invested in vocational training to help remove this liability. Funds given to counties for adult and vocational education go directly to reduce that poverty which, in the end, swells the number of unemployables and of dependents. Our government takes this long-sighted view.

It behooves Macon county to take advantage of every chance to help its citizens to become more than unskilled workers. Federal and state funds now available for teaching the untaught can in no way be considered a hand-out from the government. It is Defense—for the home and for the nation.

## Rural Skilled Workers Are Urged To Register

RALEIGH, April 2. — Skilled workers in rural and remote communities of the state are urged by R. Mayne Albright, director of the Employment Service of the UCC to register immediately in local employment offices or with representatives from these offices.

Mr. Albright explained that a nation-wide registration of available workers is being conducted by the United States Employment

Service through cooperating State agencies as a part of the national defense program.

The opinion that many workers located in rural areas have training and experience needed in defense industries is expressed by the employment director.

"The local employment office can refer workers to available job openings anywhere in this state or in other states, since it is in touch with all the state employment offices in the country."

## Communications

The Franklin Press is glad to print the following statement at the request of the newly organized county committee of the Women's Field Army for the Control of Cancer.

**Health And National Defense**  
Declaring that national health is a vital factor in national defense, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt urged every man and woman in the country to support the Women's Field Army in a statement made public here today by Mrs. George E. Marshall, state commander of the Woman's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

Mrs. Roosevelt said: "One of the most encouraging developments of our times is the interest men and women everywhere are showing in health and the steps that must be taken to preserve and protect it. This interest is particularly significant today since national health is a vital factor in national defense."

"A valuable method of maintaining and raising our health standards is through the work of voluntary organizations such as the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer. In this unusual Army the general public and physicians unite to save lives from cancer. Anyone may enlist and serve in the movement. Each individual who does enroll in the Army is given information about cancer and is urged to bring it to the attention of at least ten other persons."

"The Women's Field Army has made a fine beginning. It deserves the support of every man and woman in the country."

Mrs. Roosevelt is Honorary Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Women's Field Army.

## Samples Taken Of Fertilizer

A corps of 10 inspectors of the State Department of Agriculture will comb North Carolina between now and May 15 securing samples of fertilizer for analysis "to determine whether manufacturers have given farmers the amount of plant food guaranteed on the bag," D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture announced today.

Coltrane emphasized that "all farmers in the state having a ton or more of fertilizer at their farms are urged to write the State Department of Agriculture if they desire samples to be taken and analyzed."

"We are making a special effort this season to get a large number of samples of fertilizer direct from the farm," he added.

## LEGAL ADVERTISING

## NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with the terms of a notice heretofore given to Francis C. Cary, the following described goods will be sold at public auction, by the undersigned, on the 16th day of April 1941, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the warehouse of Minerals, Inc., in Franklin, North Carolina, for the purpose of satisfying a claim of \$142.50, due the undersigned by Francis C. Cary by virtue of storage due on said goods and on which the undersigned has a lien:

1 Geared Water Pump, 1 16" Cast Iron Dryer with stack and old furnace front, 3 Automobile engines or motors (all with parts missing), 1 lot of second-hand 2" pipe with foot valve, 1 1-7/16" Shaft with pulleys, 1 lot of second-hand brick, 1 miscellaneous lot of small bearings, etc., 1 5' Screen with Sprockets and chain drive.

This the 1st day of April, 1941.

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## Scott Reviews Farm Statutes

Strengthening of regulatory and inspection laws and the enactment of marketing legislation to further bolster the farmers' incomes were paramount contributions of the 1941 General Assembly to the betterment of agricultural conditions in North Carolina, Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott said today.

He summarized agricultural legislation, affecting regulatory, inspection, control and marketing features of the department's program, as follows:

## Fertilizer Law

A revitalized act with provisions (1) to enable the farmer to distinguish low grade from high grade fertilizer, (2) requiring that "low grade" be stamped on low grade goods, (3) providing a tightening of penalty provisions to assure more accurate guarantees of plant food, (4) reducing the number of grades to be sold "not to exceed 50" and (5) placing greater emphasis of the use of recommended grades of fertilizer.

## Seed Law

This law is in conformity with the Federal Seed Act, which is essential since a large proportion of the seed purchased move in interstate commerce. Responsibility for correct labeling of seed sold under the law is placed upon the person making the guarantee as to purity and germination. Responsibility for the procurement of the inspection stamp (\$1 for each 72 dozen packages or fraction thereof) for vegetable and flower seed is placed on the wholesale merchant or shipper of package seed.

## Milk Auditing Law

Dairy farmers and distributors are given equal protection under a new law that permits the Department to check on the quality and classification under which milk is sold. The Department is given the authority to audit the records of plants to determine whether the farmer is paid for his milk on the basis of usage.

## Marketing Authority

An act to: promote, encourage and develop a program of orderly marketing of farm products.

## Quality Trade Mark

An act establishing "Tar Heel" as the official name to designate farm products. A farmer or packer desiring to use the trade mark must first make application to the Department, giving full information as to its intended use, and if requirements are met — including quality, condition and grade standards prescribed by the Board of Agriculture—the applicant would be licensed.

## Swine Disease Law

An act to regulate the movement of hogs into the state and to require a certificate of health unless they are consigned for slaughter or to a market operating under the Department. This act is intended to break up the practice of peddlers bringing in diseased hogs and selling them to farmers.

## Livestock Market Law

## Franklin High On WWNC Sunday Eve

The pupils of Franklin high school will be on the air over WWNC in a recorded program at 6:30 o'clock next Sunday evening. The Future Farmers of America group will be featured, and the broadcast will give some facts and history of Macon county. The program will be concluded with a song by the pupils.

An act to supervise and regulate public livestock markets and to control diseases of livestock.

## Bang's Disease And T. B.

The general appropriation bill provides indemnity for mariners whose cattle are slaughtered on account of Bang's disease or T. B.

## Japanese Beetle

Funds were provided by the General Assembly to combat the Japanese beetle, enemy of 300 or more agricultural plants.

## Warehouse Storage

Storage of commodities, other than cotton is permitted under the state warehouse system. Issuance of negotiable "state guaranteed receipts" is permitted.

## Lime And Land Plaster Law

An act to require registration of all agricultural liming materials, including agricultural liming material with potash and land plaster, together with requirements for labeling and guaranteed analysis as to soil neutralizing value, calcium and magnesium content and "screen" analysis.

## WOODMAN OF THE WORLD

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