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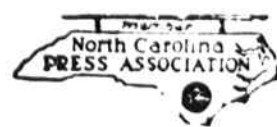
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WEEKLY MEDITATION

"I call to remembrance my song in the night."
Psalm 77: 6.

A story is told of a little bird that never sang the melody that his master wished him to sing while his cage was full of light. A snatch of this, a bar of that, he would learn, but never an entire song until his cage was covered and all the light of the day was shut out.

Are there among us some who never learn to sing until the darkening shadows fall? It was in the night that the song of the angels was heard. It was at midnight that the cry came, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."

We wonder if a soul can really know the love of God in its satisfying completeness until the clouds of life are lowered?

God in all His love comforts in the darkest hours of life when faith of the soul seeks Him.

DEATH ON THE HIGHWAYS

The rapidly increasing death toll of the nation's highways has become so alarming that President Truman himself has taken special notice of it, and has issued a warning to motorists, urging them to practice safety at all times when driving on the highways. Western North Carolina is having its share of fatal highway accidents, not just one being killed now and then, but four or more at a time. Inexperienced drivers and those under the influence of alcohol are responsible for most of these accidents. Many cars have been in service for a long time and have become unsafe, adding some to the total. But the human driver of the machine is usually responsible for the wrecks.

CONGRATULATIONS, NEIGHBOR!

The Herald extends congratulations to the publishers of The Waynesville Mountaineer in the forward step they are about to take in changing from one issue to two issues a week. The Messrs. Curtis Russ and Marion Bridges, publishers, have announced the new schedule to start May 21. These progressive publishers have developed The Mountaineer into one of the best edited and printed county papers in North Carolina. Several years ago they began a program of steady improvement of their publishing plant and the quality of their newspaper, and contemplated this change several years ago. However, with paper rationing, material and equipment shortages, they postponed the change until at this time.

The citizens of Haywood can take just pride in their home paper, of which they show their appreciation by their loyal support through its advertising columns. They are also to be congratulated in having a newspaper published by men of the high type of the Messrs. Russ and Bridges.

LITTLE NEW FARM MACHINERY

North Carolina farmers wanted to go out and grow another bumper crop in 1946, but they will be unable to do so, through no fault of their own. The reason is that they do not have the necessary machinery with which to produce these crops. Years ago when there was less demand for food than there is now, the farmer and his family (they were larger and more of them stayed at home then) could produce sufficient food on which to live with the simple tools of a few plows, hoes, mattocks, etc. Now the picture is different. Farmers must farm on a much larger scale in order to anything like meet the demand. Farm labor is scarce, one man now must do the work several used to do.

Due to strikes in the steel mills, coal mines and farm machinery manufacturing plants, the state's 300,000 farmers have little machinery to do with.

Two of the biggest disappointments farmers have faced this spring are the general failure of the returning veterans

to come back to the homes they left, thus alleviating the farm labor troubles, and the unavailability of farm machinery.

However, the dependable old farmer is holding up his end of production better than any other class of worker on earth today.

OIL FROM MUD

A few years from now atomic-age techniques may make possible the conversion of sea-bottom mud into petroleum. This startling statement came from the American Chemical Society. It just goes to show how foolish it is to make grave predictions about American oil resources. Much of the oil that is being used today could not have been drawn from the earth a generation ago, when a petroleum famine was predicted in 25 years. But the scientists and the petroleum industry have always succeeded in pushing the prognosticators out on a limb and sawing it off with technology. Eventually the prophets of exhaustion may give up.

Scientists are developing the theory that crude oil is formed by the radioactive transformation of organic substances. They are duplicating in the laboratory the radioactive process that may explain how nature, over a period of ten million years, accomplishes the conversion of protoplasm, proteins, fats, and other materials, into oil.

The moral seems to be to make the fullest use of the resources available to us today, and tomorrow will take care of itself—if we let the scientists and industry alone.

CRISIS AND THE FARMER

Whenever the people on this earth face a crisis their thinking gets back to fundamentals. Then they worry about the basic necessities of life, about shelter, about getting enough to eat and drink. And at that time the eyes of the world all turn toward the farmer.

It was that way during the last war and the one before. It was the same way during the restless peace that came between.

Today, once again, the farmer has become a very important man. Now, with the nations of this earth faced with hunger and even slow starvation, the farmer is being looked to as a saviour of humanity and its civilization.

Even in our own land of plenty there is a tightening of belts, a growing concern over future food supplies as this nation undertakes to feed undernourished Europe and Asia.

The farmer, who, unlike other people has never lost his touch with earthy things, is the man of the moment. It is in his hands that destiny has placed the key to the kind of world that we and our children shall share tomorrow.

The world waits anxiously as the farmer goes about planting his varied crops. The world watches trustfully as this same farmer harvests his annual crop of peeled top quality pulpwood which will be converted into paper and paperboard to move his foodstuffs to the far corners of this land and to remote places all over the earth as well.

The entire world awaits the farmer. He is at one and the same time, ruler and servant to the people of this earth.

PUBLIC PAYS THE STRIKE BILL

The chief, and inevitable, result of prolonged strikes in this postwar time is the crippling of production. The war in Europe has been over for a year, but millions of American consumers are still waiting for goods and materials which orderly reconversion should have brought them months ago. The losses to all types of business are enormous.

Other losses which affect a very large section of the public are the reduction or omission of dividends by key industries. Thousands of individuals, and some institutions, are dependent upon the return from their investments or those made for them by trustees. Disorderly labor relations can affect the economic life of a nation for years. Washington cannot act too quickly in curbing such irresponsible power.—Christian Science Monitor.

Help the 4-H Club boys and girls, by subscribing to The Sylva Herald, to earn money with which to help build their Jackson county cabin at the State Test Farm. They will appreciate your co-operation.

Sylva Schools Hold Joint Memorial Day Program

A joint assembly of the Sylva High and Elementary schools was held in the elementary auditorium Monday afternoon, commemorating Southern Memorial Day, with a program on Sidney Lanier, noted Southern poet. The program was sponsored by the B. H. Cathey chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The invocation was given by W. V. Cope, followed by a group of southern songs by the school. A life sketch of Lanier was presented by Mrs. J. F. Freeze. Miss Alice Weaver sang two solos, "The Star," by Rogers, and "The Ballad of the Trees and the Master" by Lanier. She was accompanied by Mrs. Grover Wilkes.

Mrs. Mark Osborne, Jr., gave two readings from Lanier's poems, "The Marshes of Glynn" and "The Song of the Chattahoochee. Mrs. Dan Tompkins concluded the program with a tribute to Lanier and told of his place in the New York University Hall of Fame.

St. John's High School Represented At Meetings

WAYNESVILLE, May 15.—St. John's High school will be represented at two state youth meetings in May and June.

The North Carolina Catholic Boy Scouts' Roundup at Belmont, May 17 to 19, will be attended by Belmont Barnett, Herman Sieber and Dries Vandenberg.

The Grail School for Young Women in Southern Pines, June 21 to 26, will be attended by Frances Frazier, Grace Furtado, Nancy Furtado, Dolores Gass, Dorothy Martel, Lorraine Martel and Anne Mormino.

Attend District Conference Last Thursday At Murphy

Delegates from Jackson county who attended the District conference of the Methodist church which met in Murphy last Thursday included Rev. and Mrs. W. Q. Grigg, Mrs. E. L. McKee Mrs. Harry Hastings, A. C. Reynolds, of Sylva, and Keith Hinds, Tyson Cathey and Rev. R. T. Houts, of Cullowhee.

The conference went on record for directing the amount raised in this district toward the building of a dormitory for men at Brevard college.

Annie Cowan Circle Has Meeting

The Annie Cowan circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. H. Gibson, with Mrs. J. P. Stovall as joint hostess. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. W. Q. Grigg.

The chairman, Mrs. Dan Moore, was in the chair during the business session. Mrs. Dan Tompkins led the devotional and had the program for the meeting.

During the social hour the hostesses served a salad course.

Cullowhee Club To Be Hostess To Federation

The Cullowhee Woman's Club will be hostess on Tuesday night, May 21, to the Federated clubs of the county. This is the third in a series of joint meetings held by the clubs.

An OPA police force of 800 men is now investigating the activities of the nation's 26,000 known meat slaughterers.

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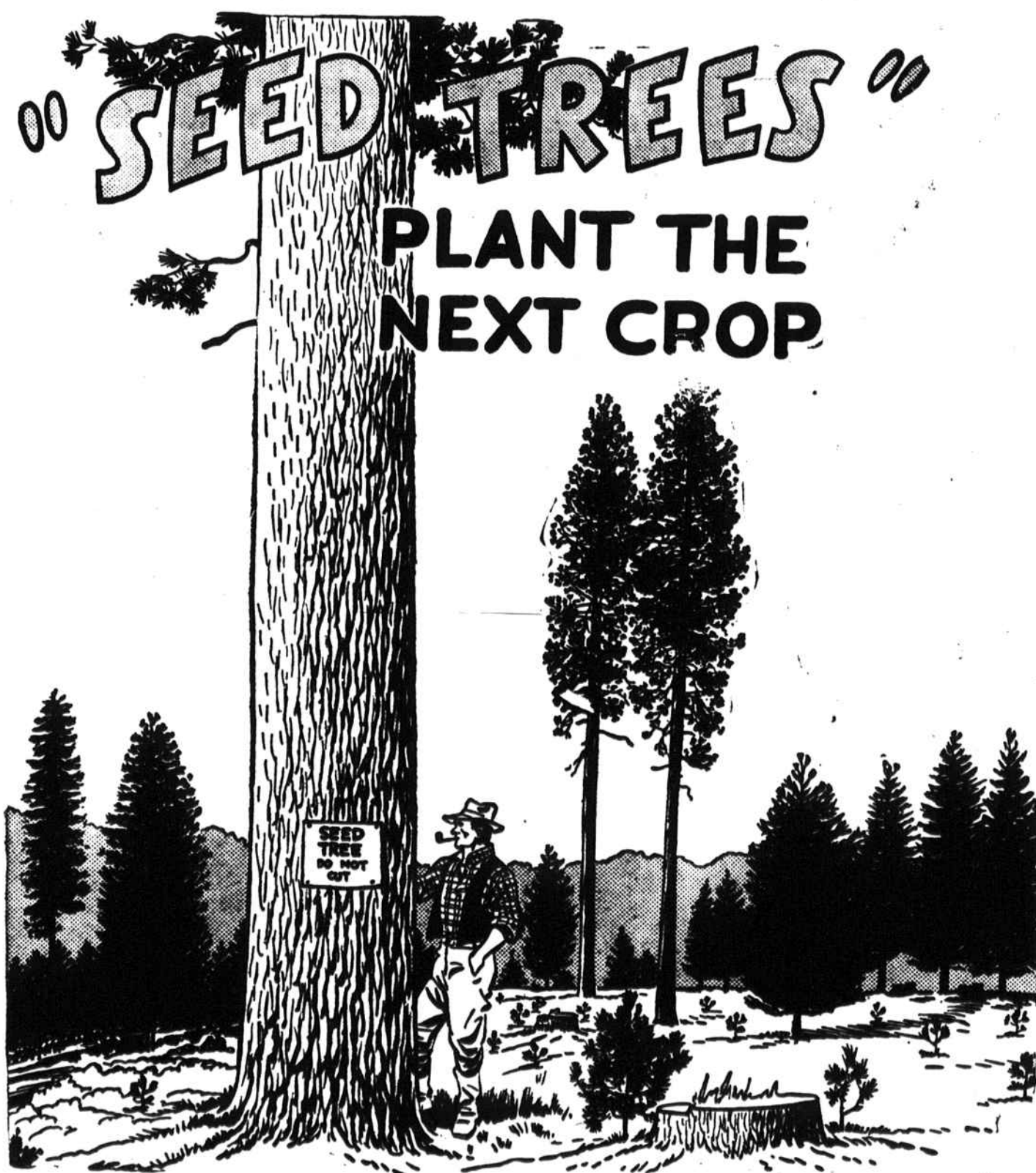
★ He is an able lawyer, with 18 years experience in the practice of his profession. Seven years of this time he was assistant District Attorney of the United States Court of the Western District of North Carolina.

★ He is a veteran of World War I and has spent considerable time in the interest of disabled veterans and their families.

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