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A Remedy For World Woes

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not is a fool—shun him.
He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is dull—teach him.
He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep—wake him.
He who knows and knows that he knows, is wise—follow him.
—A Persian Proverb.

Six Rules For Prevention of Fires

1. MATCHES—Be sure your match is out. Break it in two before you throw it away.
 2. TOBACCO—Throw pipe ashes and cigar or cigarette stumps in the dust of the road and stamp or pinch out the fire before leaving them. Don't throw them into brush, leaves, or needles.
 3. MAKING CAMP—Build a small camp fire. Build it in the open, not against a tree or log or near brush. Scrape away the trash from around it.
 4. LEAVING CAMP.—Never leave a camp fire, even for a short time, without quenching it with water and earth.
 5. BONFIRES.—Never build bonfires in windy weather or where there is the slightest danger of their escaping from control. Don't make them larger than you need.
 6. FIGHTING FIRES—If you find a fire, try to put it out. If you can't, get word of it to the nearest U. S. Forest Ranger or State Fire Warden at once. Keep in touch with the rangers.
- PREVENT FOREST FIRES
—IT PAYS

Chattanooga Man Praises This Section

Captain A. J. Gahagan, business man and banker of Chattanooga, Tenn., who is on a visit here, made the assertion that Tennessee would do well to follow North Carolina's footsteps in building good roads. Captain is an octogenarian and was born in Madison County, this state and served with the Union Army in the War between the States. Since coming to Asheville and enjoying rides over the good roads of Buncombe County, he has written a special article for one of his home town papers on the highways. He has also called upon E. M. Lyde, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. "One cannot have any conception of the improvement that has taken place in the highways in Western North Carolina since I was a youth. I am proud I am a North Carolinian for they are found to be leading business men in many of the Southern States," he remarked. "I have traveled in 43 States in the Union and have been to the top of many famous mountain peaks, but I have never seen anything to equal the view from Mount Mitchell." Captain Gahagan is a relative of the late Congress Gudgeon of this district.

Dress Up The Court House

The News-Record, does not attempt to play the roll of dictator, but it stands for what it conceives to be the best interest of the people of Madison county and feels free to call attention to what ever appears ought to be done. The Madison county court house is a very imposing appearing building, it belongs to the people of Madison county. We are sure we speak the sentiments of the people when we say it is their wish to see it kept in good appearing condition. Every good citizen feels an especial interest in the court house, first, because he has a vested interest in it, and second he has great regard for the majesty and dignity of the law. It is where the lives and bodies of the people are protected and legal and equitable rights of the people are adjusted. We maintain a high standard of civilization to the extent we honor and respect our courts. From the earliest history of the law and courts people have taken pride in erecting and maintaining dignified and beautiful appearing buildings for temples of justice. Go into any county or country and you size up the people by the kind of court houses they have. The government of the United States takes especial pride in building and maintaining substantial, dignified appearing court houses. We had occasion to visit the Guilford County court house at Greensboro. It is one of the most beautiful buildings of any kind in North Carolina and the interior of the building is beautiful to behold. Every citizen of Guilford county from the humblest to the greatest is justly proud of this beautiful and well kept building. The Madison county court house was built in 1907—16 years ago. The outside of the building has been very well cared for but nothing has been done to the inside walls since it was built. The inside walls are in very bad condition. Some of the plastering is cracked and needs repair and the walls are dingy and very dirty looking. You know how badly the walls look. We know the county commissioners are always hard pressed for funds but we cannot believe there is further excuse to let the inside of our court house remain looking as it does. Let us all request and demand that the inside of the court house be put in good appearing condition, the crack in the plastering filled and the walls well kalsomined in good colors or painted. If the commissioners haven't sufficient funds in the general county fund to do this work they have the power to levy a special tax or borrow the money to do this work. The county commissioners have the power to exceed the constitution limitation for expenditures for court houses, because our Supreme Court has decided that court houses are necessities. We are sure our county commissioners take pride in their work for the county and will do this job. They may plead no funds, but if they do, tell them to borrow that much and fix up the court house and add a small tax next year to pay up this amount.

WHY CHRISTIANS OUGHT NOT TO KEEP THE SABBATH

BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT "GLORYING IN THE CROSS" Sunday Morning

The Sabbath Question is such a live and burning question that we are going to take it up in detail Sunday night, and here are some of the things that we expect to prove from both the Old and the New Testaments.

First—That the Sabbath, as a Law, was a distinct Jewish institution.

Second—That the Law, written and engraven on stones—which of course, includes the Sabbath Law—was done away.

Third—That Christians have become dead to the Law by the body of Christ. That, as a matter of fact, the Law has no more claim upon a Christian than a dead husband or wife has upon a living companion.

Fourth—That the Law Jesus has laid upon us is not that we keep the Sabbath, but another. What that other is we shall mention Sunday night.

Fifth—That the Sabbath Law is plainly and positively declared not to be binding upon the Christian.

Sixth—That God, in about every imaginable way, set His seal in New Testament Times, upon the First Day of the week.

These are just some of the many things that we expect to prove from the BOOK OF BOOKS, on Sunday night, in discussing that muchly controversial subject—"SHOULD CHRISTIANS KEEP THE SABBATH."

We shall endeavor to make it just as interesting as possible, and we really believe that we will be able to do that, as there are a number of stirring illustrations that we can bring in with which to illustrate our points. If you do not believe it just come and see.

If the BIBLE, as some say that it does, says "Keep the Seventh day of the Week," why I am in favor of keeping it. But if it doesn't then I am not.

"GLORYING IN THE CROSS" our theme for Sunday morning, is a very timely and appropriate one indeed. We cordially invite you to both services.

We were out on the streets of Marshall between the hours of two and three o'clock, one morning this week. We are debating within ourselves as to whether we ought to preach on what we saw. Will think about it.

Day by day, in every way, may the richest blessings of GOD be yours as you travel along Life's Great Highway.

So Long till Sunday,
Cordially,
EVAN RIDGE EVANS.

Notice!

A Notice is hereby given in accordance with law to all persons, that the reward offered for the arrest of Willard English has been lifted. August, 3, 1923. 8-6-to-9-1-23-p. NOAH HENSLEY

It will only take a few hundred dollars and the amount of special tax would be so small you would not know it. We don't suppose it would take exceeding 1/4 of one per cent on the \$100 value of property. The people have the right to petition the commissioners concerning the county affairs—back up the commissioners by requesting and demanding that this job be done.

While the commissioners are repairing the inside of the court house, they should tear away the old eye sore fixture built beside and annexed to the court house on the front side—formally used as a pump house, and fill up the hole and have the place sodded with grass. The commissioners recently put up nice concrete post and erected a new fence around the court house lawn for which we wish to commend them. The commissioners should also procure a sprinkling device and have the janitor keep the court house lawn well watered during dry weather, so the grass will look fresh and green.

The flowers should be rebedded and kept watered. It is too late in the season to rebed the flowers, but that can be done next spring and other beautiful flowers and shrubbery added. There is no excuse now on account of water. The town has an abundance of water and it will only cost a small amount to keep the lawn and flowers well watered. Perhaps an example of this kind may encourage people to beautify the grounds around their own homes.

The Bank of French Broad has paved the space between the new bank building and the court house, this in addition to \$100 for 50 year lease was part of the contract for the right granted the bank to construct the stair way to the basement under the new bank. It was reported over Madison county that County Attorney Hendricks used his influence to a scheme to take county property in this lease for private purposes. The contract provides that this pavement shall be perpetually maintained by the bank. Look at the job and see if you don't think the county has been greatly benefited.

Let's keep up a racket to have the court house renovated on the inside until it is done. It ought to be finished for the September term of court.

By Col. Fred A. Olds.

Asheville, N. C., August 20—There are 17 counties of the 100 in North Carolina which lie, as down-state people put it, "beyond the Blue Ridge." Of these Buncombe, formed in 1791, is the oldest, and Ashe, formed in 1799, takes next rank in point of age. All of these counties are inter-allied, and have to a great degree the same problems. All of them have much water power, in most cases not at all developed. Several have natural blue-grass and these are noted for their stock. One county, Alleghany, produces more corn to the acre than any other in the state, on an average. Two of the counties, Ashe and Watauga, have a milk cow for every inhabitant. The blue grass counties are the center of the cheese industry, there being 32 cheese factories in this state. There are three factories in the territory west of Asheville, the newest at Horse Shoe in Henderson county.

Some of the counties such as Watauga and Alleghany are growing Irish potatoes for seed, for planting the early potato-belt in eastern North Carolina. Several thousand bushels were sold last year and the tests show that the quality was equal to that of the Aroostook county, Maine, potato. This year five times as many are being grown, for planting in 1924. Other counties on the high levels, above 3000 feet, can stick a pin in this idea. The cultivation of mountain cabbage is in some counties being systematically done, and in one, Watauga, a factory for making kraut begins operations September first. The crop of buckwheat in the high counties has been greatly increased, and the flour will be put on the market as "standard" this season; that is whole buckwheat.

There are two mountain sectors, one extending from Madison county to Alleghany, but not including Madison; the other from Madison to the Tennessee line, beyond Murphy. In all these counties the most intense interest is felt in the highways now under construction. In most cases the difficulties both in engineering, that is location and construction, are vast, but the highway commission surmounts all these things. The commission has built one highway several miles across a quaking bog in Camden county, out of Elizabeth City, and accomplished with ease what all that part of the country had considered absolutely impossible.

The mountain region presents no greater problem than this one in the east. The engineering corps is very talented, the work seems slow to those who wish everything done in a minute and who so greatly long for what to them is the opening of the world, but there is really no delay. Go where one will, travelers are found from other states, and these, express admiration, mixed with plenty of astonishment, at what North Carolina is doing. Travel on the highways is as nine to one compared with that on the rail-ways. Within two years there

will be bus lines in every mountain county, and a journey into any part of the Blue Ridge will be as easy as it is down-state.

There are ten gaps in the Blue Ridge through which travel passes, these being, starting far to the eastward, Roaring Gap, from Elkin into Alleghany; Saunders Gap, from Wilkesboro into Ashe; Deep Gap, from Wilkesboro into Watauga (this being the Daniel Boone Trail); the gap, north of Marion into Avery; the one from Lenoir into Watauga at Blowing Rock; Swannanoa Gap, leading into Buncombe; the Hickory Nut Gap, leading from Rutherfordton through Henderson into Buncombe; Saluda Gap, leading from South Carolina; the tenth gap leading from South Carolina into Henderson County.

It is to be regretted that the two sectors of the mountain territory, that is the one north-east of Asheville and the one west of it, know little or nothing of each other. Yet in four or five hours one may easily motor over charming roads from Blowing Rock to Asheville. It may be said that any one of the 17 counties can maintain many times their present population. Some are exceedingly sparsely settled, but the highways and the automobile are working day and night to end isolation. Tired, hot, possibly feeble down-state North Carolinians need the tonic of the mountain zone. When the good roads are completed a great proportion will get it while now the tourists are mainly mere pleasure seekers and nothing else, the large majority young in years. It is regrettable that so many thousands upon thousands of people who need the mountain air have no idea of what this wonderful zone means, but that magician Frank Page, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, who is doing more to open the "high territory" than all the folks who have lived since the white man entered it, is giving his magic touch.

It is important that Tennessee should improve its highways and make that state navigable. The Asheville-Bristol highway, finished in this state, is a blank in Tennessee, but light is breaking for the Tennessee governor and an important group, have seen the North Carolina roads with their own eyes.

Marshall

Some days ago some tourists from out west were passing through Marshall, and they said they had gone far enough that this was the most desirable place of any they had passed through to stop, and the scenery is not to be surpassed by any. Another tourist from South Carolina only Tuesday night of this week made similar remarks, and instead of passing on as they had planned, they said no, we will stay a while in Marshall. Marshall should certainly make the Island a good camping ground supplying lights and water free of charge. Other places do this and we could too.

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