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Delaware banker worried himself into suicide because he had more money than he could loan. And to think, we might have helped to save his life!

We hope Asheville will like her mimosa trees, but, begging Morganton's pardon, we can't say that we care for them. Maybe it's because we are just plain ignorant.

Germany has perfected a railway coach driven by individual motor, with a speed of 95 miles an hour, evidently designed for those who are in a hurry to get where they are going.

Last Saturday was a bad day for students on their way to football games. Three wrecks, three killed and nine seriously injured in this section alone. And yet there are those who still contend that football is not a dangerous game.

Lady in Milwaukee is mending three broken ribs that were cracked by a guy whom she claims hugged her too zealously, but the \$75 which she sued him for, was denied by a judge who seemed to have a proper appreciation of values.

It pleases The Tribune mightily to know that the prospects are bright for bringing the Veteran's Home to Surry County. If when announcement is made that Mt. Airy has been successful, we will shut up shop and run over and help celebrate.

Those who have been uneasy that Mr. Bailey was headed toward the demerit bow-wows, will have to find some other objection to him, now that he has reiterated his stand on the prohibition issue, by declaring that he is for the eighteenth amendment and against repeal or modification.

Providing Employment, Plus Future Assets

There is no side-stepping the fact that a serious unemployment situation exists and has existed for some time. There is also no question that our national government could use millions of dollars in plausible projects that would provide employment and take up this slack without impairing the national credit. The rates, in turn, could do likewise.

President Hoover, as leader of the dominant political power, is committed to the policy of an extensive governmental building program, and there have been evidences of much activity along this line. But this building program in large measure has involved construction of Federal buildings and other projects, which in a few years will be obsolete and again ready for the scrap-heap.

A contemporary suggests that a good way to provide employment at this time would be to provide money to pay labor engaged in reforestation. Governmental agencies are preaching this doctrine of reforestation, and rightly so. Money spent to build new forests would return immensely greater dividends than money spent to build new postoffice buildings, and would cover a wider field and therefore furnish a broader employment. Every state in the union would thus be a beneficiary, both in the present relief afforded and in the future harvest of values.

Industry claims that it cannot afford to launch an extensive manufacturing program, because there is already an overplus of goods on the market. American workmen, before they can buy this surplus must first earn something to buy with.

At the present rate of deforestation, our one great national asset is fast diminishing, and it behooves us to do something about it, even if there were no depression, but as a means of relieving unemployment when such relief is so apparent, this suggestion is worth pondering.

Blazing New Trails

We have had quite a bit to say about diversification in agriculture because we believe that diversification is the salvation of the farmer. We will continue to preach diversification, hoping that our sermons may find fertile soil from which it may sprout and grow.

We have listed a number of departures from the beaten path of farm products from miniature fish ponds to onion patches. We had overlooked the lowly turnip until the Mecklenburg Times tells us that "one farmer in Mecklenburg county is selling all the turnips he can gather off his one-acre patch, and he says that he will make more clear money from this patch than he will from his whole cotton crop. He says the demand for turnips this year is greater than he ever knew before."

It will of course, be argued that this farmer is close to a large market, and can easily find sale for turnips that would literally go begging on the Elkin market. That is perhaps true, but the point we are driving at is that this Mecklenburg farmer studied his situation and cashed in on his study. He planted an acre to turnips, which is about six times the turnip acreage on the average Mecklenburg farm. He wasn't out much for labor, and it is not surprising that he made money off turnips.

Surry county farmers may not all turn to turnips, but bless your heart, every one of them can turn to something—with profit. And we do not mean by that they should abandon tobacco, or corn, or cotton entirely. If they would try out other crops in a small way, they would probably have the same experience as that Mecklenburg turnip man.

We believe that a small neighborhood steam canning outfit could be made a decided advantage to any community. There are corn, beans, peas, tomatoes, etc., that would keep the cannery busy during the summer

months, and then in the fall would come sweet potatoes, cabbage for krauting, and pumpkins that would fill in a full six months use of the outfit. The average housewife knows splendid recipes for pickles, catchup, jellies, preserves and the like, the making of which would be a pleasure and not a drudgery, and she would find herself in possession of profit-money that would make the husband's tobacco patch look like thirty cents, considering the investment in time and money, provided, of course, she had the initiative to arrange an outlet for the product.

Is there a market for these things? A single farmer armed with a few samples and a little salesmanship could visit the better class of trade in the nearby city and create a demand for his goods that would increase as the quality was told from neighbor to neighbor.

The progressive farmer is he who is continually blazing new trails.

Social Responsibilities

Religious, educational and other bodies do not necessarily have to "look gift horses in the mouth." The purposes to which they put philanthropic gifts are usually for the good of humanity, and it may be argued that the source from which these gifts come need not seriously concern those to whom they are entrusted. But there is a different angle for the giver, and we would like to quote extracts from a sermon by Rev. G. Ray Jordan, delivered in a Charlotte church last Sunday on the subject of "Christian Brotherhood and Industry." He said: "Philanthropic gifts can never redeem 'blood money' which comes from unfairly paid employees. There has been a strange and peculiar condition here in Christian America in these last few years. Many who profess no belief in religion are giving themselves in ardent and unstinted service for their fellows, while most of us who theoretically believe in God and profess to follow Jesus Christ have been, markedly indifferent and unconcerned about the interests of those who earn their bread by the sweat of their bodies.

"A kind hearted philanthropy is not enough. A benevolent paternalism constantly shows lurking dangers. The experiences of the past have all too vividly demonstrated its weakness. The essence of Christianity does not consist of kind-hearted gifts. The church is not sophisticated enough to deal with the present industrial age, if it thinks charity adequately meets the situation.

"Persons cannot be treated as means to an end or as mere instruments in a Christian civilization. If we are thoroughly Christian, we must decide for a genuine democracy so that in business and in industry no group will have rights not likewise granted to other groups, and so that any group will have a chance to voice their needs and give expression to their rights."

Christianity is faced with many new responsibilities in this modern world of industry, and if Christianity is to win its way there must be a new awakening of Christian understanding and of the Christian sense of social responsibility.

Not infrequently do men become generous and make donations as a balm to their consciences, and as a furtherance to their prestige in the community; and not infrequently are these donations derived from "the sweat of the bodies" of inadequately paid men and women. If they are truly endowed with the Christian spirit they should first clean their own household and set it in order.

There is a great deal at stake. Social unrest breeds crime and disorder, and Christianity is, or should be, concerned in both. Men cannot be content when inequality is so apparent; workmen whose families live on scant rations cannot smile when they see great mansions erected by their masters from profits on their labor, or when they read of great philanthropies unjustified.

Measure Up to the Responsibility

Next Saturday will be the last opportunity to register for the coming elections. To those who for one reason or another find it necessary to register this year, we earnestly suggest that they do not neglect to do so. Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican or neither, you should regard the ballot as a responsibility, and should have the backbone to measure up to it.

In his King's Mountain speech President Hoover said concerning this that "failure of many of our citizens to express their opinions at the ballot box is at once their abandonment of the whole business of self-government," and whatever else he may have said in that speech, nothing was nearer the truth.

Our complaint that there is so much dirt in politics that we don't want to pester with it for fear of soiling our hands, is a pretty lame excuse for a full-blooded, fighting American citizen. What we ought to do is to busy ourselves in politics and help to make politics clean.

There are good citizens in both parties who stay away from the polls on election day, and boast of the fact that they take no part in politics. As a matter of fact, one of the first requirements of citizenship ought to be the pledge to go to the ballot box on every election and vote, one's sentiments, arrived at by painstaking analysis of the fitness of a candidate or the justness of a cause.

Politics can be made clean and kept clean only when progressive straight-thinking citizens definitely decide that as for them, they will not "abandon the business of self-government" by failure to express their opinion at the polls.

Nature's Splendid Make-Up

Surely every man, woman and child in Surry county should be privileged to treak out into the great outdoors right at this season of the year and enjoy the beauties of nature. Did anyone ever see the hills and mountainside more beautiful than now? A riot of color greets the eye at every turn; every shade of the rainbow is reflected in the foliage that seems to be waving a flaming good-bye, as though daring another year to produce its equal; maybe it's just a way of expressing a thankful nature for the privilege of having lived, or maybe it's the red flag of defiance to Old Man Winter to come and do his worst.

Whether it is because there has been unusual drought, it does seem that the color is there in more plentiful variety, and with good roads ribboning through our hills, no one should miss the opportunity to go out and enjoy it. If you have a car, probably there may be a neighbor who hasn't. Wouldn't it be fine to seek them out, and help them to know what a fine old world we live in, after all?

SOCIETY

Girl's Auxiliary Meets With Miss Kathleen Reece

The Intermediate Girl's Auxiliary of the First Baptist church met at the home of Miss Kathleen Reece on Gwyn Avenue Wednesday afternoon, with twelve members present. The topic for the afternoon study was "Winning Ways in China." Delicious refreshments were served during the afternoon.

Miss Gray Hostess to Sue Tharpe Auxiliary

The Sue Tharpe Auxiliary of the W. M. U. of the Baptist Church met at the home of Miss Lucy Gray Tuesday evening, with eighteen members present. The devotionals were in charge of Miss Mattie Brendle and Mrs. T. V. Cockerham was program leader for the month. The subject for study was "Your State and Mine", and this was discussed by Misses Willie Guyer, Nora Lee Martin, Mary Cockerham, Lucy Gray and Mary Maguire.

During the business hour plans were perfected for the mission study class to begin at an early date.

At the conclusion of the meeting a salad course, followed by individual cakes and hot chocolate was served.

Miss Ethel Gilliam Honored

Complimenting Miss Ethel Gilliam, who leaves today for Long Beach, California, to spend the winter, Mesdames Luther Stuart and C. M. Walls entertained at a miscellaneous shower at their home on Front street Tuesday evening. Rook was played at six tables during the evening and Miss Willie Guyer was presented with a jar of bath salts as high score and Miss Blendon

Byrd received a box of bath powder as consolation.

Hallowe'en decoration in orange and black made an artistic setting for the party.

Miss Gilliam was the recipient of many lovely gifts.

After the removal of the cards an elaborate collation in two courses was served to the following guests: Miss Gilliam, Miss Blendon Byrd, Miss Mattie Mae Powell, Miss Mattie Brendle, Misses Betty, Grace and Pauline Masten, Miss Mary Cockerham, Mrs. Jack Brown, Miss Lucy Gray, Mrs. Carl Young, Miss Margaret Finney, Miss Naomi Gilliam, Miss Mildred Ingram, Miss Catherine Brown, Mrs. Marlon Whitner, Miss Lillian Boles, Miss Agnes McDaniel, Miss Mayme Blackwood, Miss Gaynell Phillips and Mrs. Ted Brown.

Miss Bertelle Lineberry and W. H. Price Are Wed

A wedding of State-wide interest was solemnized here on Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the Methodist Episcopal church, when Miss Bertelle Lineberry became the bride of William Hamilton Price, Rev. L. B. Abernethy, pastor of the bride, pronounced the vows in the presence of only the immediate families of the bride and groom.

The bridal chorus from Lohengrin was used as a processional and during the ceremony "Traumerli" was softly played, with Miss Ruth Eads at the organ.

A pretty nuptial setting was effected by the use of fern, white chrysanthemums and tall white candles. The bride, who is a brunette of unusual beauty was becomingly dressed in an afternoon gown of brown chiffon velvet, with brown accessories and carried a bouquet of

bride's roses and swansonias. She was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Charles F. Lineberry, while the groom was attended by his father, Mr. W. J. Price, of West Jefferson, as best man.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Price left for an extended wedding trip, after which they will be at home on Gwyn Avenue, this city.

Mrs. Price is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Lineberry and attended Queen's College at Charlotte and Greensboro College for Women at Greensboro. She has been a member of the local school faculty for the past three years and is popular with a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Price is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Price, formerly of Elkin, but now of West Jefferson, and received his education at Tennessee Military Academy and the University of North Carolina. Since coming to Elkin he has been connected with the Standard Oil Company.

No announcements of the wedding will be issued in this city.

New Refrigerator Now On Sale Here

Announcement is made through the advertisement of Greenwood Auto Company, that the new Majestic electric refrigerator is now on the market, the company having already received its demonstrator.

This new refrigerator possesses many fine points, is beautiful in appearance and so designed as to make cleaning an easy matter. The thick walls give ample protection in retaining cold, causing quicker refrigeration in addition. Its low cost of operation, said to be six cents a day, will doubtless appeal to the thrifty who anticipate the purchase of an electrical refrigeration system. Another feature of the cabinet is its roominess.

The public is invited to give the firm a call and see this new product.

We join with Firestone in PRE-INVENTORY SALE

Prior to Closing of Fiscal Year October 31

WE ARE overstocked on some types and sizes of tires and tubes, also accessories—we want to clear our shelves and racks and get ready for the renewal of our franchise with Firestone.

WE HAVE marked down prices to the very bottom. Every tire is a most unusual bargain because every tire is made by Firestone and bears the Firestone name for your protection.

NEVER before has Firestone quality been available for so little cost. Practically every tire is new—fresh from the Firestone Factory.

DURING this pre-inventory sale, we will give you a special allowance for your old tires in trade for new, safe Firestone tires. Come in today and find out how little it costs to equip your car with these sturdy, dependable, non-skid Firestone tires.

THE PRICE of rubber and cotton is low—Firestone quality is the highest it has ever been and at these greatly reduced prices you will want to replace your worn tires at once and have your car equipped for the wet, slippery weather of fall and winter.

Come in while we have your size at these unusual bargains

Carolina Service Station

Firestone Tires, Texaco Gas, Texaco New Crack-Proof Motor Oil
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