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-- Overlook On Life --
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It has been said that imagination was given to a man to compensate him for what he is not and a sense of humor to console him for what he is. Imagination, however, does much more for us than just the compensating for our lacks and losses. Let us think for a minute where the word comes from. It is, as we can see, a close relative of the noun, "image". Now, what is an image? In the realms of the purely physical, it is a copy of some person or object. It is the equivalent of a photograph or of an impression made in clay or metal. It may be a piece of sculpture fashioned to appear exactly like the original from which it was copied. It is, in other words, a likeness. We therefore may speak of a child as being the "very image" of her mother.

There is another kind of image than that which is drawn or sketched or sculptured by a human hand (or by a machine). It is an image that the mind's eye alone beholds. It is not something that has its existence on paper or canvas or brass. It exists only in some one's mind. In fact, the person's mind created it.

How marvelous is the mind of man, able as it is, to create all manner of pictures and sights and scenes and ideas; then to store them away in hidden vaults, and again to bring them out to scrutinize them, perhaps re-arranging them or improving them. Is it not astonishing that every human being can have, arrayed before his inner eyes, something analogous to a great exhibition of goods? One can move among these things, as if he were a visitor at a World Exposition, going from booth to booth, from counter to counter, from show to show! All this anybody can do with his mind! Thus, anybody is at once an artist, an architect, a builder, a sculptor, a photographer, an engineer, a producer! How seldom we realize the richness of our mental gifts!

Now this power to create inner images is imagination. Having seen something with the physical eye, we immediately construct an image of it inside the mind, and in so doing, we think imaginatively.

Our minds have also the power to produce images in quantity, and also to set them in motion, so that inside our minds there is a whole big world buzzing with activity like the real world outside.

When the Bible says that God created man in His own image, we can realize how true it is just in this one sense only, namely, that, as God created the heaven and the earth, so inside our minds we can create 'whole worlds, and a heaven too! In the production of ideas and of mental pictures and of lovely paintings on the walls of our hearts, our minds show their resemblance to their Creator. Shakespeare wrote:

"The poet's eye
 Doth glance from heaven to earth, from earth to heaven,
 And as imagination bodies forth
 The forms of things unknown,
 The poet's pen
 Turns them to shapes, and gives
 A local habitation and a name."
 (From *Midsummer Night's Dream* V. 1.)

When we project images on the screen of the mind, they may resemble something we have seen in the world, or they may be merely imaginary and not real. Notice how in the strange history of words "imaginary" has come to signify ONLY those mental pictures that do not have their counterpart in the physical world. Even "imagination", which is the power to throw images on the screen of the mind is sometimes limited to the unreal. For example, some one says he hears a noise. His friend comments, "O that is your imagination!" A little girl, going along a grassy path with her mother said, "O Mother, there goes a rabbit!" "No, No," replied the mother, "That is just your imagination!" "Mother", plaintively sighed the child, "Do imaginations have white tails?"

Fortunately our usage and understanding of this word is not limited to the merely "imaginary". In fact, it is frequently used to denote a power to see something that is the very clue to an important secret the natural world has always possessed but never before disclosed. I am thinking of the part that imagination plays in scientific research. Not a few new drugs have been discovered because a chemist had the imagination to try out in his experiments new combinations of elements, or of electric charges. Imagination lured the early explorers of our western hemisphere. Imagination enabled the founders of our republic to erect a political and social structure that in many respects had no precedent in historical record.

We may conclude, by asking whether this power of imagination within us is not the shadow of the mind of God?

CONSERVATION NEWS
 By Lewis W. Damore

Breece Morrow of Banks Creek is planning to stop erosion losses on his farm by putting all his farming operations on the contour. Soil Conservation Service personnel recently assisted him in laying out contour strip lines for pasture re-seeding.

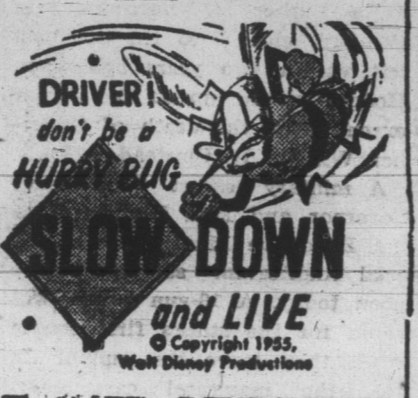
Other conservation practices Mr. Morrow has planned for his farm are seeding alfalfa on the steeper areas of cropland and using the more level land for rotated crops.

Tom Melton of Cattail Community has embarked on a soil conservation program that should also be very profitable as well as hold his soil in place. Mr. Melton has recently set 19 acres to frazier balsam fir seedlings. It is anticipated that 5-10% of these seedlings will be large enough for the nursery market in 5 to 6 years, with the percentage ready for market increasing each year thereafter until 10 per cent are market-size each year.

Many Yancey farmers are planning to provide year round food and cover game birds and small game animals. To date approximately 40,000 shrub lespedeza seedlings and 40,000 multiflora rose plants have been ordered from the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission for this purpose.

The shrub lespedeza plants provide food and cover for game birds, while the multiflora rose will make a living fence and provide cover and traveling lanes for both game birds and game animals.

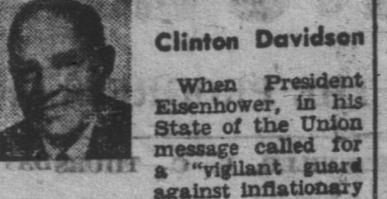
These seedlings are furnished free of charge by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Farmers interested in receiving these seedlings, should contact the Soil Conservation Service Office in the Briggs Bldg., or see Clarence Murphy of Newdale.



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THIS WEEK
 -In Washington-



When President Eisenhower, in his State of the Union message called for a "vigilant guard against inflationary tendencies," he put a large part of the responsibility on the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

To get an exclusive report on what the Committee plans to do, we visit this week with Chairman Oren Harris, a Democrat from El Dorado, Arkansas. How much or how little inflation we have could hinge, in part, at least on the actions of that Committee, and on its Chairman.

All laws on transportation—by air, rail, water, or highway, the stock and bond markets, exports and imports, all communications by radio and TV, the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Power Commission, and all activities of the Commerce Department, including the Weather Bureau, are handled by the Committee.

The Commerce Committee is the oldest committee in Congress. It came into being in 1795 as the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures. Chairmen in recent years have included the late Alben Barkley, Texas' Sam Rayburn, and Percy Forester of Tennessee. Harris, although new as Chairman, has been a member since he came into Congress in 1941.

Harris, to put it modestly, is a busy man—perhaps one of the busiest in Congress. In addition to representing his district, he heads a Committee staff of 15 and a Committee membership of 31. His associates describe him as "easy to work with, but a man who knows how to get things done."

Having spent all of his 33 years in a small town, it is natural that Harris is a man who is concerned in Congress is legislation that would help small business and farmers. They, more than big business, need the protection of laws that will assure them equality of opportunity, he says.

"The best way of combating inflation while keeping our economy strong," Harris told us, "is to keep the channels of commerce open and unobstructed."

"The trend in recent years has been more and more toward big business. . . Our job in Congress is not to hinder the growth of business, big or small. But it is our job to see that small business, and that includes farmers, have full opportunity to develop."

Rep. Harris does not favor attempts to regulate business through tax legislation. "My idea," he said, "is not to attempt to help little business through lower corporation taxes. Only 15% of small business are incorporated."

"The real way to help small business, including farmers, is to provide adequate funds through loans for operation and expansion. This should be done partly, at least through the States."

He suggested that the States establish agencies, either privately or publicly managed, which would make funds available to assist in the development of local industries wherever private capital is unavailable.

We asked about the programs for promoting the sale of farm surpluses in foreign countries. "I favor expansion of our trade in any way that would be helpful to us, that would help the people of those countries, but not in such a way as to strengthen the regimes in those countries under communist domination," he said.

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Obituaries
 EVERETT RAY

Everett Ray, 37, of Micaville died in a veterans hospital near Asheville Monday after a long illness.

Funeral services were held in the Bowditch Union Church at 2 p. m. Tuesday. The Rev. Francis Bradford and the Rev. T. E. Woody officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the wife; a daughter, Miss Connie Lynn Ray; four sons, Duane, Stanley, Jennings and Ronnie, all of the home; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ray of Micaville; three sisters, Mrs. Biss Robinson of Burnsville, Mrs. George Anderson of Marion, Mrs. Paul Gardner of Micaville; and six brothers, James, Carl and Roy of Asheville, Frank of Burnsville, Arthur of Celso and Paul of Oteen.

Pallbearers were Bill and Hugh Anderson, and Lloyd, Leo, Alden, Charles and Leonard Ray.

MRS. ELIZABETH YOUNG

ASHEVILLE — Mrs. Elizabeth Penland Young, 78, prominent churchwoman of Emma Schob Road, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, in an Asheville hospital after a year's illness. Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 31, in the Emma Methodist Church.

The Rev. Earl Hansell, the Rev. J. R. Dawkins, the Rev. Vernon Hall and the Rev. W. Perry Crouch officiated. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Young was a native of Burnsville and was the daughter of Dr. Absalom Penland and Lucinda Penland Fox. She was the widow of S. K. Young.

She had been an active member of Emma Methodist Church for the past 35 years.

Surviving are three sons, T. Ralph, Zena P. and Jess D. Young, all of Asheville; three daughters, Mrs. Ralph C. Hinesy and Mrs. Henry A. Miller of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Halbert Winkler of Asheville; one brother, Zenas Penland of Clearwater, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. O. B. Whitehurst of Burnsville; 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

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