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## SERIOUS THOUGHTS

"Thy faith hath made thee whole; go in ease."—Luke 8:48.

Often we let the Master pass by without seeing Him, because we forget to look for Him.

## FOOL'S DAY

By Elizabeth Clodfelter

Have you ever stopped to think of the meanings behind our holidays? Of course it was always taken for granted that we celebrate Washington's birthday in honor of the father of our country, and we have always known that the 4th of July commemorates the winning of the independence which we hold so dear to our hearts. But have you ever stopped to notice the difference between the rest of our holidays and April Fools' Day? The majority of our holidays are serious, but Fools' Day is exactly what its name implies, a day of good, clean foolishness.

No one knows just how April Fools' Day began, but there were references to it as early as 1564. India celebrated Fools' Day on March 31 by sending people on foolish errands. France has been celebrating Fools' Day since 1564, and on this day it was customary for the people to send some small, silly gift to friends. Today in France, when a person is fooled on Fools' Day, they are called a "poisson d'avil," which is an April fish. Scotland calls her April Fool victims April gowks, the gowk being a cuckoo. What could be more appropriate?

It seems as though America celebrates April Fools' Day more than any other country. Here, the day brings pranks galore. We have always tried to pull pranks that bring no violence or embarrassment to anyone. Signs saying "Kick Me" are tied to coats and cotton is covered with chocolate to tease unsuspecting friends. Some people use the telephone to help them carry out their pranks. For instance, someone might call a butcher shop and ask to speak with Mr. Lamb or perhaps they might call an aquarium and ask to speak with Mr. Fish. Such pranks are all for fun and no one minds them. They seem to realize that April Fools' Day allows people to exercise the pranks they have been thinking up all year, and that it gives them a chance to use their stored-up energy for good fun instead of for harmful pranks. Maybe the world would relax and laugh a little more if we had more days in which to have good clean fun, even if it is at the other fellow's expense.

## STUDENTS REGRET MRS. HEDRICK'S ABSENCE

The students of Lexington High school certainly have missed Mrs. Hedrick during her absence. She entered the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem March 15, where she will be a patient for several weeks.

The senior class and LEXHIPEP students particularly miss Mrs. Hedrick but Miss Nancy Raper has done a fine job in filling Mrs. Hedrick's place.

# Mr. & Miss L. H. S.

By Carolyn and Joann



Listen, my children, and you shall hear  
The story of our two lil' April fool dears(?)  
They are "Tubba" and Nancy,  
And you know them well.  
If they're caught at their prank  
We're afraid they'll catch—(blank).  
If we can make Nancy come from behind that tree  
A smarter or prettier girl you never will see.  
Her likes are people, football, and LEXHIPEP too.  
Dislikes are conceited people and homework to do.  
She is in four different clubs as you plainly see,  
And her favorite song is "You Were Meant For Me."  
To win honor and fortune is the thing she wants to do,  
Along with listening to the radio and going to High Point College too.  
Her superlatives were for the cutest and best dressed  
And for a cute gal like her who would want less.  
See that cute lad having all the fun?  
That's "Tubba" Craver who's six foot one.  
He's tall, dark, and handsome to boot.  
About football and basketball he doesn't give a hoot. (April Fool.)  
He is president of three clubs and what could be finer?  
His college preference is Davidson or Carolina.  
He has so many likes that his life is not dull.  
Dislikes are wine, women, and teachers who ain't truthful.  
He was voted by you to be L. H. S.'s king.  
Superlatives were most popular, versatile and outstanding.  
His ambition is to make lots of money and be six feet three,  
And his favorite song is "Symphony."  
So now as we leave our 'lil' April fool dears behind the tree,  
Pulling their pranks in their April fool glee.

## HOW CAN FATHERS HELP MAKE US BETTER CITIZENS?

By Hal Crofts

Probably no better method is available for a father to make his son or daughter a better citizen than for him to be a good one himself. Children and people generally are great imitators. They learn by example. Therefore, a child is inclined to follow the pattern set by his parent. If the parent is bad, the young person is usually worthless; if the father is good, the natural instincts of the young person are toward the better things of life.

The father must teach the simple doctrine of thrift. He must save some money for the "rainy day". He must not be a spendthrift. He must not be extravagant. Thus will the young people learn that governments also must save, that they cannot be extravagant without bringing misery and suffering to all people.

The father must be charitable. He must have sympathy for the poor, the sick, the unfortunate, and the ignorant. He must give to the Red Cross, the health drives, and to all other benevolent agencies. He must support the churches and the schools. Out of his charitable impulses, the young person must learn that a good citizen must never be a selfish one.

Probably the greatest objective of every citizen should be a peaceful world. Therefore, the father must devoutly believe in peace. He must be peaceable toward his neighbor, his community, and even his enemy. He must not be a quarrelsome, nagging person.

The father must live a strong, honest, vigorous, courageous life and teach his children to do likewise. Then if he does, maybe his children will become better citizens.