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### Dr. Frank Crane Says:

#### LEARN FROM ELBERT GARY'S LIFE

The death of Judge Elbert Gary attracted attention to one of America's most picturesque figures. He drew attention to another one of those remarkable careers so characteristic of America. From a poor boy working for a few dollars a week to a multi-millionaire and to the head of probably the largest corporation in the world.

Judge Gary never discovered anything new. It is the resume of the elements of character, we are struck by his emphasis upon the old-fashioned virtues. About all the virtues there are are old-fashioned. There has never been discovered any substitute that was workable for being honest and hardy.

Gary's Ten Commandments of Success which he formulated for a man with a reasonably healthy constitution and average mentality, are as follows:

1. Be honest, truthful, sincere and serious. Being slippery and tricky may gain you temporary advantage, but in the long run it will be your undoing.
2. Be considerate of others. Don't try to get ahead by pulling somebody else down. The more progress you make the less you will want to take advantage of others.
3. Guard your health, both morally and physically. The main thing to rely upon in a crisis of an emergency is being in ill condition.
4. Get an education. Know the fundamentals, such as arithmetic, spelling, grammar, geography and history. Also get all the technical education you can.
5. No matter how much natural ability you have, it must be stimulated by persistent effort to improve the mind and store it with useful information. A good memory is of incalculable benefit.
6. Have clean habits of life and select the right companions. You should know men of experience and higher rank than yourself. Nothing saps character like undesirable companions who are only bent on self-indulgence rather than self-improvement.
7. Be ambitious honorably and back this ambition up with energy, persistence and thoughtfulness. "I have had to fight steadily against laziness all my life," he says.
8. Be loyal to employers, friends and country. A reputation for loyalty induces people to give you positions of trust and responsibility.
9. Cultivate stability. Don't be a rolling stone.
10. Most important of all: Observe the Golden Rule. This gets you farther in the long run than any other maxim of life.

#### LINCOLN'S FIRST SPEECH

Abraham Lincoln's first speech, made in Sangamon county, Illinois, in 1832, was short and sensible. He was then a Whig and a candidate for the state legislature. The speech was brief for two reasons: previous speakers had taken up most of the time and about exhausted the political discussion, and Lincoln was young and somewhat timid. The speech, as reported to W. H. Henslow, historian, by one who heard it, follows:

"Gentlemen, fellow citizens: I presume you all know me. I am a humble Abolitionist. I have been solicited by many friends to become a candidate for the legislature. My politics is short and sweet like good woman's dance. I am in favor of a national bank, I am in favor of the internal improvement system and a high protective tariff. These are my sentiments and political principles. If elected, I shall be thankful; if not, it will be all the same."—Kansas City Star.

#### NOTE ON A PROCLAMATION

From Mr. Coolidge's Thanksgiving day proclamation: "Not only have we enjoyed material success but we have advanced in wisdom and spiritual understanding. . . . We have increased our desire for things that minister to the mind and to the soul. We have raised the mental and moral standard of life. This is the first time, we believe, that our people have been urged to give thanks to the Deity on the ground that the more righteous than before."

Such self-praise is usually reserved for the Pharisees. The general teaching is that the nation should approach Thanksgiving day in a humble spirit.—Baltimore Evening Sun.

### LOCAL AFFAIRS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Norris, on Monday, a daughter.

The board of county commissioners will be in session next Monday.

Mr. Floyd Eggers last week moved into his new home on the Boone Trail west of the city.

The weather of late has been most glorious and it is holding right on.

Jim C. Rivers of Winston-Salem spent Monday with his wife and baby in Boone.

Mrs. J. A. Sproles has opened a tea room in the historic old town of Greenville, Tenn.

Ben Goss, a graduate of the A. T. S. here, who is located in West Jefferson, was in the city a few hours Monday evening.

Measles has been prevalent in Boone for some weeks, and the epidemic is still raging. However, it is in rather light form.

Mr. Harry J. Hardin, who has been suffering with tonsillitis for several days, went to Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, Wednesday morning for treatment.

Mrs. Tracy Culler and Mrs. George Winkler of Rich Mountain, who have been very ill with blood poisoning, were reported yesterday as being somewhat improved.

Mr. A. P. Widenhouse of Midland, whose family spent the summer in their cottage here, but left for their home two weeks ago, was a week-end business visitor here.

The pretty little stone bungalow of Dr. R. E. Ellis in Daniel Boone park was given a beautiful tile roof last week and is putting on a real handsome appearance.

Miss Hazel, daughter of Miss Jessie McGuire, and Miss Verma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Graeg, left Sunday for Lenoir, where they entered Davenport College for the term.

Dr. and Mrs. Mc G. Anders of Gastonia, were visitors at the Rankins first of the week. They were here attending the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hardin.

Hon. Charles H. Cowles, Mrs. Cowles and J. Sanford Cowles and Messrs. Cowles' mother, Mrs. Calvin J. Cowles, all of Wilkesboro, were in Boone a short while last Friday en route to Pineola.

Mrs. Anna Anders, mother of Dr. Mc G. Anders, of Gastonia, who has spent the summer with her daughter at Sturgills, Ashe county, was in Boone Saturday on her way to Gastonia, where she will remain during the winter with her son.

Prof. E. J. Abernethy of West school, Gastonia, and his mother were week-end visitors at the Rankin home here. Mr. Abernethy returned Sunday afternoon, but Mrs. Abernethy will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Rankin.

Mr. and Mrs. King and Mr. and Mrs. Reece, 22 of West Virginia, were guests at the home of Messrs. Owens and Stuard of Boone, Saturday night, leaving for their homes Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Owen accompanied them as far as Blowing Rock.

Rev. G. Lester Brown and family of Greensboro, arrived in Boone Tuesday, the minister going on from here to Asheville to attend the annual conference, which convened in that city yesterday. He will return here on his way home early next week.

A masked ball was given at the Critcher hotel Monday evening under the auspices of the Young Men's Club of the city, celebrating Halloween. A large number of young people assembled, many clad in the spooky regalia of the season. Dancing was enjoyed to a late hour.

The mechanics sent here to install the pipe organ in the Methodist church, are still on their job, but hope to have it ready for use by next Sunday. So far, it adds much to the appearance of the auditorium, but when it is all assembled and thoroughly gone over, it will certainly present a splendid appearance.

Mr. Will Haynes, wife and five children of Ohio, have been visiting home folks and friends in Watauga for several days. On Tuesday Mrs. Haynes' aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Moody, were taken by them on a picnic trip to Grandfather mountain, which was greatly enjoyed by the good people. By the way, Mr. Haynes said he brought even half of his children with him, leaving five of the older ones at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Greene and little son, J. C., Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jones, all of West Jefferson, passed through town Saturday en route to Lenoir where they spent

Sunday visiting relatives. This was Mr. Greene's first visit to Boone since his serious automobile wreck about a year ago, in which he was seriously hurt. He says he still feels the effects of it, but has almost recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carpenter of Montezuma, Avery county, are visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Mack Luttrell in Boone, for a few days. Yesterday a sumptuous luncheon was spread in their honor at the Luttrell home, to which a number of guests were invited. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, now both very old, are natives among Avery's best people. Mr. Carpenter is one of the very few Confederate soldiers left in his home county.

Mr. J. C. Moretz of Mabel was in town Tuesday with his son, who is here from Idaho on a visit. The old gentleman is practically alone, his wife dead and children all married, so he has decided to return with his son to the far west and make his home with the boy. Sometimes an old tree will bear transplanting, and sometimes it won't. It is hoped that Mr. Moretz will stand the trip nicely and live many years yet, even if he is being transplanted, as it were, from this into another country.

Rev. M. B. Woosley, who has faithfully and most acceptably served the Boone-Blowing Rock charge for the past four years, as pastor, will most of our people are sorry to know, not return as he has served the allotted time prescribed by conference now in session at Asheville. Mr. Woosley went to conference with a clean sheet—the entire budget for the conference year being paid in full. It is hoped that Rev. Woosley and family will be located on a work they will like as well as this. They are good friends of Boone.

Mr. Phillip (Uncle Phillip) Greer of Zionville, now 84 years old, came over to Boone Tuesday, accompanied by his sons, Dr. Frank Greer and Mr. Milton Greer. Here they were joined by Prof. I. G. Greer, another son, and the quartet went to the birth place of the aged gentleman, two miles up the river from Todd. His last sight of the haunts of his childhood was during the Civil War, but despite this he found men on his visit that remembered him well when he lived there. He is old in years, but quick and active; is always busy and he and Mrs. Greer, some years younger, still keep house and look after their own domestic affairs.

The steam shovel which has been en route from Lenoir to Valley Mountain for the past two weeks, passed through Boone yesterday afternoon, and it is understood, will reach its big job by Friday or Saturday. It seems that plans have again been changed. Instead of cutting out No. 60 to Vilas, as was stated last week, the shovel will go directly to the Valle Cracis school where work will begin on re-grading the four-mile lap across the mountain to the Avery county line. Blessings come to those who wait, and oh! how much longer will we have to wait for something to be done on No. 60 between Boone and the Tennessee line?

**WORTH WHILE CLUB**  
 Mrs. J. L. Qualls was hostess at a delightful meeting of the Worth While Club which was held at the Commercial hotel last Friday afternoon. The meeting was largely taken up with discussion of business matters and a tentative program for the club's activities for next year was mapped out. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Ed Qualls, after which the happy gathering disbanded with many thanks to their hostess for her hospitality.

The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. R. L. Bingham on November 11, at which time all members are urged to be present as many important items of business will likely be acted upon.

**YOUNG HODGES**  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Young of Winston-Salem, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Mary Adelaide, to Mr. Fred H. Hodges of Boone. The wedding was solemnized August 18 at Mountain City, Tenn., and only a few intimate friends knew of it until the formal announcement was made last Sunday.

Mrs. Hodges is an attractive and popular member of the social set of the Twin-City and for the past four years has been a member of the faculty of the Sedge Garden school. She made many friends in Boone last summer while attending the Normal school.

Mr. Hodges is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hodges, the manager Hodges Drug Company and is one of the city's most popular and progressive young business men. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

They will make their home in Boone after a brief trip to Washington, D. C., and other points.

**AN UNUSUAL LETTER**  
 Dr. G. K. Moose, manager of the Boone Drug Company, is in receipt of the following letter which was mailed at a city of a neighboring state. It bore no signature other than "The Blonde." Such is the



character of the epistle that its publication is warranted: "Dear sir: A few years ago while in school there several of the school girls were in your store buying some toilet goods and one of them dared me take, or rather steal, a souvenir, so of course I did. I am sending you one dollar, hoping that it isn't too late. I think it was priced 25 cents. I just didn't feel very good about it and this is my reason for writing. I hope this will be satisfactory."

Dr. Moose, rather than keep the 75 cents as interest on the sinister purchase, returned it, together with a letter assuring the young lady of his appreciation of her honesty and advising her to hold fast to the "straight and narrow" henceforth.

#### METHODIST WOMEN TO OBSERVE WEEK OF PRAYER

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will observe Week of Prayer services, beginning with Sunday, November 6. The first service will be on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. J. S. Stanbury leader.

The second service will be held on Monday afternoon at 2:30, Mrs. J. L. Winkler, leader.

Then on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the Young Peoples and Children's program. Offerings will be taken at each service.

#### BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THE NORMAL SCHOOL

With the best prospects of recent years for an excellent basketball team, the Appalachian State Normal squad began workouts first of this week, said Chapell Wilson, director of athletics, Saturday.

Two members of last year's team will be on the court. They are Ozro Roberts and Jonas Walters, both of whom starred in most of last year's games.

The new material from high schools is most promising, according to the director. Among these are three of the famous Marshallville high school team, which defeated the Normal in one game last year. They are Kermit and Conard Henson, brothers of Andy Henson of Normal fame, and Perkins.

#### ENTRE NOUS CLUB IS ORGANIZED HERE

On Friday afternoon of last week several ladies from in and around Boone met at the Daniel Boone hotel for the purpose of organizing a young woman's club. The club is to be an Entre Nous organization, the purpose of which is self-improvement through study. Meetings are to be held twice a month on Friday afternoon. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Russell Hodges on Friday, November 11th.

The meeting last Friday was taken up with the organization and business discussions. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Sam Horton; vice president, Mrs. Russell Hodges; secretary, Mrs. Cliff McConnell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. James Mast; chairman of social committee, Mrs. Will Payne.

#### STATE NEWS BRIEFS

The resignation of Stacey W. Wade, insurance commissioner of North Carolina, was handed the governor last week and accepted. Dan C. Boney, deputy commissioner under Mr. Wade, was appointed to

Charlotte, Oct. 29.—It is announced here that an oral hearing in the petition of the Piedmont and Northern Railway for permission to extend its lines will be held by the interstate commerce commission at Washington on December 1. Exceptions have been filed to the report of Examiner H. C. Davis, advising against the extension by I. M. Bailey, counsel for the North Carolina corporation commission, and by William G. McAdoo for the Georgia and Florida railroad.

Conley E. Robinson, young Charlotte attorney, died in a hospital in that city last Saturday as the result of a pistol wound inflicted when a gun in the hands of his sister, Miss Katherine Robins, was discharged. It is stated that Robinson went home under the influence of liquor and a quarrel ensued between his sister and himself. In the scuffle the gun was discharged, the bullet entering the groin. It is claimed the shooting was accidental.

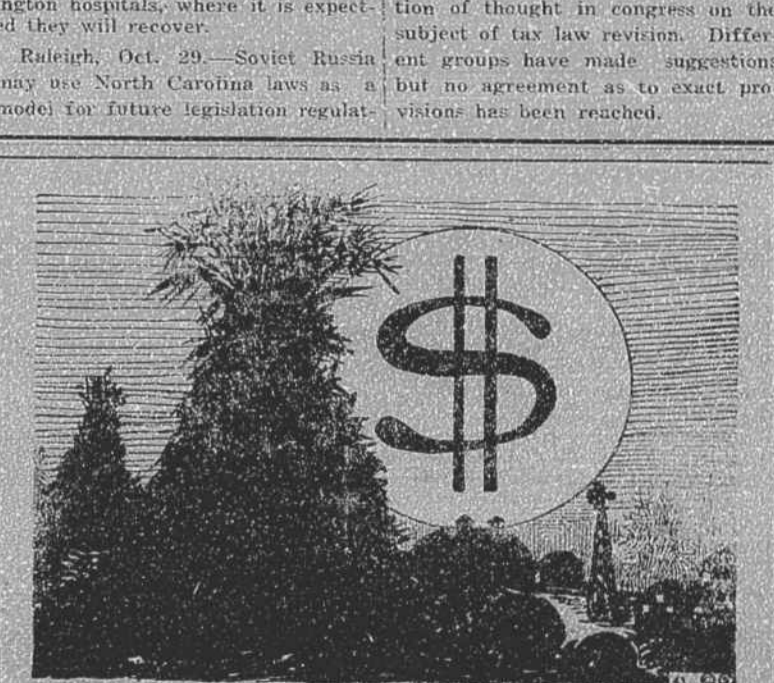
Greensboro, Oct. 30.—One woman was killed and eight others injured as a result of a terrific head-on collision of two automobiles on highway No. 10, three miles east of Gibsonville early Sunday night. Mrs. C. L. Simpson of Altamahaw, was so badly hurt that she died while being taken to a hospital at Burlington. The injured were all carried to Burlington hospitals, where it is expected they will recover.

Raleigh, Oct. 29.—Soviet Russia may use North Carolina laws as a model for future legislation regulat-

ing fishing following a visit of inspection this week of a group of Russian officials, according to Capt. J. A. Nelson, fisheries commissioner. The Russians became interested in the North Carolina fishing laws because of their effectiveness and the democratic system under which they are administered, they declared. Most striking in appeal of all the features of North Carolina's fishing laws to the Russians, they said, is the fact that the fishermen themselves instigate the regulations governing the industry.

The stage is set for tax reduction and North Carolina, the fourth state in the union in yielding revenue for Uncle Sam, will play an important part in the enactment of legislation for as ranking Democrat on the finance committee, Senator Simmons has the whip hand, says a Washington special of October 30 to the Charlotte Observer. The Republicans have a bare majority in the senate, one that does not work on revenue bills. For ten years Mr. Simmons who is thoroughly informed in tax matters, has given the Republicans the worst end of the poker here. He scuttled the original Mellon plan most effectively and forced the compromise that was adopted.

He is ready for the battle now, and will organize the Democrats and Progressive Republicans of the senate. There has been no crystallization of thought in congress on the subject of tax law revision. Different groups have made suggestions but no agreement as to exact provisions has been reached.



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