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"The basic of our government being the opinion of the very right and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter."

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GOLDEN GLEAMS Every day learns from that which preceded it. — Publilius Syrus

Experience is the mother of all things.—John Florio

Man really knows nothing save what he has learned by his own experience.—C. M. Wieland

Experience teaches fools, and he is a good one that will not learn by it.—Thomas Fuller

Nobody will use other people's experience, nor have any of his own till it is too late to use it.—Nathaniel Hawthorne

Men are wise in proportion, not to their experience, but to their capacity for experience.—George Bernard Shaw

KING STREET (Continued from page 1)

bers of their race a dis-service of the first magnitude . . . Both whites and blacks should continue to discourage the presence of such folks in the community, for we are getting in right close once in a while to stark tragedy, and a lot of folks would regret it . . . but the heck of it is, their opposition to violence would avail little . . . it would, chances are, be passive, and . . . detached.

IT HAPPENED DOWN AT WATAUGA HOSPITAL, where most of the members of future generations first see the light of day . . . A male patient, who was feeling better, was playing host to somebody's fresh-born infant . . . the little fellow was sound asleep, when two ladies passed the open door, and one of them caught a glimpse of the man and the babe . . . They turned back, and stood in the doorway, looking first at the pinkish babe, then at the bewhiskered patient . . . They went away shaking their heads, to return quickly . . . The man muttered something about it being a new day, that man was reassuming his dominant role . . . One of the women remarked "I've seen everything now," and down the hall they clicked.

THE YOUNG MAN was kind of upset . . . He had observed a lot, had read a lot, or was just downright peeved . . . He had gone sour on the great American game of politics . . . "Too rotten," quoth he, for respectable folks to meddle with . . . both parties . . . just a race for power, and a chase for gold, no statesmen coming up any more . . . don't care for any part of it . . . He's partly right, and a whole lot wrong . . . We cheerfully admit that the hope of reward and the love of authority are strong pillars in the political system . . . we have often observed men laying down what we thought were their cherished sets of principles, because they just wouldn't fruit at the ballot box . . . few candidates want to be beaten badly enough, as to support something which even though it is fundamentally right . . . the balance of power at the ballot box is against it . . . We know all these things . . . we have toyed with peanut politics quite a bit . . . but the alleged evils in the system are being perpetuated by those who won't have a part, lest they become soiled . . . If all the folks who don't like the political status quo, and who like none of the politicians on either side, would snap out of

At Secret Spy Quiz



Lee Pressman, ex-New Deal official and former CIO general counsel, is shown after he testified in secret before the congressional spy probe.

their smug self-righteous attitudes, go to the precinct conventions, to the county conventions, and then be right plumb sure to vote come November they could render a public service, have a part in government . . . and have less and less to complain about as the years roll by . . . Such folks remind us of some of the religious zealots who are against everything in creation, but never get down to being FOR anything . . . The negative approach to any question is likely to be unfruitful.

Dale Carnegie

If you want to save from worry those you leave behind you make a Will. Even then they may have legal technical difficulties, but not so many as if you died intestate, and you will be more likely to have your money or effects distributed as you would want them to be.

In a talk the other day with John Foster, Corn Exchange Bank, 33rd Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, he said that a very large percentage of the business of lawyers came to them because of men and women dying without making a will.

Said Mr. Foster, "the law will take care of your estate after you've gone far, far better than while you are here; It will take the full responsibility after your death of seeing that your wishes are carried out."

Then he told me a story of a relative of his, a widowed cousin, who was the second wife of her husband. There were several children of the husband by his first wife. He died without a will. Since his children were all of legal age, and married, everything he had went to his second wife. Before she could make a will, she became ill, and never again was competent to make a will. She died.

What do you think happened to that husband's estate? Yes, it was inherited wholly by the distant relatives of his second wife, most of whom he had never even so much as laid eyes on. The children of the man who earned the fortune got not so much as one penny!

Do you think that was in accordance with what that man would have wished? You know full well that it wasn't.

Another instance, known to me personally: A man named George Brown was killed in an automobile accident. Shortly thereafter, his only child, a daughter died, leaving no descendant. Her husband inherited the estate. He died after a few months, and before the estate had even so much as been settled, the property went to that husband's family, leaving out entirely the twin brother of the founder of the estate, and the man who had helped him start it in his early years of struggle, and of whom he was very fond. Naturally, he would have wanted his twin brother to inherit over those who meant nothing to him.

Yes, make a will, and plan for what happens to your money in case your first choice never collects.

WILL SET ASIDE

Miami, Fla.—The court has set aside the second will of the late Abram Barker, which left nearly a million dollars to his housekeeper, ruling that Barker "was mentally weak and extremely dependent on others by reason of age and as a result of a serious cerebral accident."

TELLS GRAPHIC STORY OF DEATH OF NOTED PIRATE

An historical article by Dr. J. E. Hodges, Maiden, N. C.

Mention pirates to any North Carolinian and his first thought is of Blackbeard. Any school child of 8 or 10 years, knows of him by nickname and also as Edward Teach or Thach.

Regardless of how much we read of Morgan, Drake, Howard, Stede Bennett, or Capt. Kidd, we somehow regard Blackbeard as our own. And small wonder, for no place on the Atlantic Coast furnished more or better hiding places than the sounds, bays and coves of the North Carolina coast. Not only this, but he had a home on the shores of the beautiful bay on which the sleepy old town of Bath fronts, and on the opposite side of the bay lived the province's Gov. Eden and his secretary, Tobias Knight. It was even charged that the governor shared in the loot of the over-married, bewhiskered pirate, and chests of sugar and other plunder was found in the house of Secretary Knight. Be that as it may the people of the colony could never prevail upon the governor to make any attempt to capture and punish the freebooter, so the citizens appealed to Governor Spotswood of Virginia for relief. Every history of him and of North Carolina tells us about him and his death, all different, except that all agree that his conquerors sailed up the bay to Bath with his head on the bowsprit of his vessel and none tell us that he hid "20 dismal cuts." The following account is from the Boston News-Letter, a two-columned, single sheet, 8 x 10 inches, printed on both sides. This was America's only newspaper, established in 1704 by John Campbell, postmaster of Boston. As his information came direct it should be an authentic account of the death of Blackbeard on November 22, 1718, nearly 230 years ago. We have carefully followed Editor Campbell's spelling, capitalization, and punctuation in the news story 100 days after the happening:

"February 20. On the 12th Current arrived here . . . Humphrey Johnston in a sloop from North Carolina and informs that Governor Spotswood of Virginia fitted out two sloops, well manned with Fifty pickt Men of His Majesty's Men of War, and small Arms, Swords and Pistols, but no great Guns, under Command of Lieutenant Maynard of His Majesty's ship Pearl, in pursuit of that Notorious and Arch Pirate, Capt. Teach, who made his escape from Virginia when some of his Men were taken there, which Pirate Lieutenant Maynard came up with at North Carolina. Teach called Maynard and told him he was for King George, desiring him to come aboard. Maynard replied that he designed to come aboard and Teach understanding his design, told him that he would not meddle with him; Maynard replied that it was him he wanted and that he would have him dead or alive, whereupon Teach called for a Glass of Wine and swore Damnation to himself if he either took or gave Quarters; then Maynard told his Men they could not escape if they had a mind but must either fight and kill or be killed; Teach begun, and fired several great Guns at Maynard's sloop which did no damage but Maynard worked his Sloop nearer Teach's Sloop of Ten Guns. Teach fired some small Guns, loaded with Swan shot, spick nails and pieces of old iron, which killed six and wounded ten of Maynard's Men, upon which Maynard ordered all the rest of his Men to go down in the Hould, himself, Abraham Demelt of New York, and a third at the Helm, stayed above Deck. Teach seeing so few on the Deck, said to his Men, the Rogues were all killed except two or three and he would go on board and kill them himself, took hold of the fore sheet and made fast the Sloops and entered Maynard's Sloop with 10 Men, and Maynard's Men came on Deck and they flut it out Sword in hand, Maynard and Teach fought it out and Maynard crowded Teach to the Rail and gave a thrust and the point of his Sword went against Teach's Cartridge Box and bended it to the hilt, and Teach broke the Guard of it, when Maynard Jumpt back and threw his Sword aside and fired his Pistol which wounded Teach sore, then Demelt gave Teach a terrible cut on the neck with his Broad Sword and Teach fell on the Deck and died. Maynard's Men all behaved like Hero's and killed all Teach's Men that entered without any of Maynard's dropping, though all his and mangled. In the whole he had eight killed and Eighteen wounded, and Teach fell with five Pistol balls and 20 dismal Cuts, and 12 of his Men killed and Nine made Prisoners, all wounded. Maynard cut off Teach's Head and put it on the Bowsprit and threw his body overboard. He took the Prisoners to Virginia to be Tried. Teach would never been taken had he

not been in such a hole at Ocracoke that he could not get away."

So there, you have the story fresh from the lips of a North Carolinian three months after it happened, and printed in the only weekly then appearing in all America.

While he does not tell of Maynard sailing up to Bath, that part of the episode is well authenticated by the colonial records of North Carolina. Down at the bay front at Bath are comfortable benches shaded by the massive live oak trees. After you've visited old St. Thomas' church, the oldest church building in North Carolina, take a stroll down to the water front, sit in the shade, close your eyes, and perhaps you can see in imagination the little sloop beating up the bay with the blackbearded head dangling from the bowsprit.

There is one point on which all the records are silent, for while they tell us he married fourteen wives, none tell us how many survived to mourn their loss.

A story is current in the coast country that Teach paid court to Gov. Eden's daughter, but she, being betrothed to a young man repulsed his suit. He captured the young man and put to sea, cut off the young man's right hand, and threw him into the ocean, put the hand in a silver casket and sent it to Miss Eden, who languished and died.

SNAKE BITE KILLS EXPERT

Long Beach, Cal.—Mrs. Grace Olive Kiley, 64, one of the world's most skillful handlers of deadly snakes, who had said she would prefer death from a snake bite to any other way, got her wish. Within an hour and a half after being bitten on the finger by one of her venomous cobras, she died. She was trying to make the cobra lift his head and spread its hood to be photographed.

BABY KILLED IN MOTHER'S ARMS

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Rose Anne Richel, 17 months old, was electrocuted in her mother's arms while being carried to a birthday party. The mother, Mrs. George Richel, went across high-speed trolley tracks as a short cut and accidentally came in contact with the high-voltage third rail. The mother suffered burns and shock.

BRIEF NEWS

FDIC wipes out last of debt to U. S. Treasury. Soviet decrees citizens may buy or build private homes. Ex-GI's in England seek to rejoin force restoring air base. Secret diplomacy revives in Europe with U. S. in leading role.

Engineer says earth is due to tumble like run-down top. U. S. Peru trade urged to strengthen inter-American ties. Steel production increases, indicating new record for year. India denies right to Hyderabad to appeal to United Nations. Industrial profits shows 7.9% rise in first quarter of 1948.

President to carry campaign for re-election to entire country. Heavy cotton yield revives major crop problems of 1930. UN accuses Russia of sabotaging news conventions. FCC will go ahead with plan to bar radio give-away shows. Retailers say August sales pre-announce increase for rest of year.

Russian calls New York weather horrible in site protest. Dulles, back from Europe, says war is not imminent. Lag in output as labor casts rise is found widespread. U. S. bars Samoa to world-weary to preserve its simple beauty. State-by-state poll shows 420 deaths from polio.

90,000 tourists in July set British record; 300,000 in year. New vitamin red-blood builder aids pernicious anemia. Draft of industry not necessary now, Resources Board says. Major political parties overlook Army speech requests. Stalin ordered Czechs not to join ERP, Eric Johnston says. U. N. budget for 1949 is pared to \$1,355,608 by economies.

BABY SWALLOWS RAZOR BLADE

Adrian, Minn.—Mrs. Richard Maddern investigated when she found her 22-month-old daughter, Priscilla, apparently ill, with her tongue bloody, and, at the same time, discovered she had been playing with her father's razor. Taken to a hospital, doctors X-rayed the baby and found that she had swallowed a razor blade, which had become lodged in her stomach. It was safely removed.

NO REPLY

Philadelphia, Pa.—Along with a notice to remit \$5.35 in delinquent taxes went a warning to Harry Zeitz, 18, that he would face court unless prompt payment was made. Zeitz had no reply—he is under death sentence for shooting a man during a hold-up last December.

"Neat look" distinguishes fall coat and suit collection.

Government, as inflation curb, eases surplus re-importation.

Navy discloses acceleration of anti-submarine training.

Rotary Club

(Continued from page one.) The new Rotary club of Boone has the same general objectives as all other Rotary clubs in North and South America. It will hold its regular weekly meetings in the Skyline cafe at 12:15 Thursday, after it is formally admitted to membership in Rotary International. Its official Rotary charter will be delivered by Mr. Everett Bierman of Charlotte, who was present at the Monday night meeting.

Farm price levels head for record; political effect studied.



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