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SOME THINGS THE SCOUT WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN MURPHY AND CHEROKEE COUNTY

In Murphy

- 1. An active Board of Trade or Chamber of Commerce.
2. More Manufacturing Industries.
3. New Passenger Stations—A Union Station.
4. More Improved Streets.
5. Regular Library Hours.
6. A Reading Club.

In Cherokee County

- 1. A System of County Roads Supplementing the State Highways.
2. More and Better Cattle Raising and Dairying.
3. More Fruit Growing.
4. Scientific Poultry Raising.

Home Building Week

THIS week is being observed as Home Building Week in Greensboro. Real estate agencies, women's organizations, the newspapers and other agencies are doing what they can not only to get a number of houses under way, but also to teach, by bringing in experts, something of the principles of making homes—which is infinitely more than building a house.

Such a campaign is inevitably destined to result in great good in Greensboro, as it would in any other town. There is perhaps no single force that makes for stability in any community like home-ownership. One of the reasons why building and loan associations have grown so rapidly in this state is because they have had the support of the best citizens of the various communities, who have realized the value of helping their people build homes.

The Statesville Landmark in a recent issue had this to say about home ownership: "A man who has spent most of his life in social service work recently said that he had practically reached the conclusion that the most effective way of attacking modern problems would be to inaugurate a permanent, nation-wide campaign for home-ownership.

"His idea is that the source of most of our present day trouble is the lack of family stability.

"The home owner does not desert his wife and children.

"He does not suffer from wanderlust. He takes a strong interest in his community.

"The purchase of his own home arouses his ambition, his thrift and his industry.

"Being permanently located, he is a better husband, a better father, a better citizen, and a better worker.

"The more you think about this matter, the more you will be convinced that it is fundamental."

Bonus Bill Gets Through

AT LAST the soldiers' bonus bill has become law. By a margin of three votes over the necessary two-thirds, the United States Senate on Monday passed the bill over the President's veto. The House had previously passed the measure by a large majority.

In vetoing the bill last week the President sent it back with some pertinent remarks to the effect that the soldiers who need help are being helped by the Veterans Bureau. He also pointed out that service on the battle fields was a thing that could not be paid for in dollars and cents and intimated

that it would be an insult to the soldiers to offer them a paltry sum presumably in payment of that service. Another reason for rejection offered by the President, which is characteristic of him as Governor and since he became President, is that the country cannot afford it.

The President's reasoning, however right it may have seemed to him, served to make friends for the bill. For two years an effort has been made to get through this legislation. There are going to be those who will say that the fact that this is an election year is partly responsible for its passage. Its passage may be favorably received by the soldiers and sailors of the late war; but it certainly cannot greatly benefit them. Those who served less than fifty days will receive cash; those who served longer will receive paid up insurance according to the terms of the bill. How an insurance policy for a few hundred dollars is going to benefit the ex-soldier man is a mystery that we have been unable to fathom.

Eminent Jurist Passes

IN THE passing of Chief Justice Walter Clark the state lost one of its most distinguished sons and a jurist that was recognized in legal circles all over the country. Chief Justice Clark was a man of strong convictions and of keen intellect, and he brought to bear on the legal and social and political questions of the state an influence that helped to mold public opinion as few other men in this generation have.

Besides the almost countless legal opinions he has handed down in some of the most far-reaching cases that have ever been tried in the state courts, he found time to discuss legal questions and legal decisions affecting other states and the nation at large and was a frequent contributor to the law journals of the country. But his activities were not confined to his chosen profession. He was active in civic and social question affecting the state and a man who was much sought after as a public speaker and lecturer.

His keen judgment and brilliant intellect in the solving of the state's judicial, civic and social problems will be greatly missed.



THAT the nation needs good roads is admitted by all. That the government should build and maintain national highways, to which the states can and will build state-trunk roads, they in turn to be fed by county and township roads, is agreed to by most students of the problem.

That they cannot afford additional road taxes is contended by many farmers, already overburdened with expense and with prices of farm products below their proper levels.

What is not generally understood is that any campaign of national highway building must inevitably be paid for by the richest section of the country, by the most populous section of the country, by the localities where the greatest amount of tax money is raised.

It is a fact that when national highways are built they will be paid for, very largely, by the northeast of the United States and the large cities. Yet 90 per cent of all the road traffic will go over them. The farmer will pay about 10 per cent and industry and cities will pay the rest.

The most ardent advocates of national highways in the northeast section of the land know this. It does not frighten them. They already pay the larger part of the nation's bills. Why shouldn't they? If 100 people live in a small town and wish to build a quarter of a mile of road to a nearby lake, on the shore of which lives one man, do the hundred people stop because the one man will benefit 100 per cent and pay but 1 per cent? They do not. They build the road. The northeastern section of the country, the thickly populated, filled-with-factories localities, will benefit immeasurably from national highways. They will benefit, because the farmer will benefit, and they are happy that he will benefit.

The farmers cannot afford NOT to have national highways when they get 90 per cent of the good and pay but 10 per cent of the cost!

Now in these modern and halcyon days it has become unnecessary for anybody but old maids to hang up mistletoe.

TARHEEL TATTLE

By Carl William Bailey

The Prospecting One.

Jaybird singing and warbling away Up in the old cherry tree; Not much music, but doing his best Trying to make for harmony; Dancing and prancing from limb to limb, A-viewing what's to be seen, And dreaming of the happy harvest When the cherries won't be green.

Says he: "I ain't so good at singing A very respectful tune, But I am good at eating cherries On a sunny day in June! I'm on just a tear of inspection, With a view to harvest soon; The prospects are bright and promising— Don't cherries get ripe in June?"

Political Sidelights.

The bonus bill has been written and re-written, passed and discussed, held up, tabled, passed, vetoed, and repassed—but it doesn't mean anything. The world doesn't look so big to some peanut politicians who think they can run 'th' hull dern thing."

If the politician who sends our circular letters and newspaper clippings as second-class mail matter, in unsealed envelopes, marked "personal," really thinks he is going to sweep the "deer peepul" off their feet, he'll have to use a stronger broom to do it with.

The Angler.

He had just sat down on the bank of the creek And dropped his hook in the stream, When along came a fellow with a badge, and nerve, And destroyed his angling dream; The finny tribe were just beginning to bite, And his hopes were high and strong; But, alas, for the angler's peaceful dream: "No fishin' here—move along!"

Mountain Pebbles.

Not all policemen have big feet, and not all handits are bobbed haired. "Trouble never gets lonesome," says a philosopher. Which is amply evidenced by the fact that he is always popular even in the heat of circles. Back in the old home town they are digging up trees for buried gold, which moves Brother Frank Stanton to rise and remark: "Heaven preserve the forests!"

The Small Tarheel's Declaration!

Hip, hip, hooray! School is out And vacation time's at hand! No more recitin' or studyin' to do, Or hard old exams to stand! Three whole months in which to play, Three whole months for fun! Gee, but I'm glad that school is out And vacation's just begun!

Beautifying The City

A STEP in civic progress and beauty was made by the Cherryville Chamber of Commerce in the purchase and delivery of 200 cherry trees. A committee of four was immediately appointed to begin setting them out on the four main highways approaching the city.

Each man of the committee will be responsible for the planting, cultivation and upkeep of the trees for the beautification of the roads and the luscious fruit that may be had for the picking in three or four years. These trees will have an added significance in that they will be fitting symbols to strangers of the town of Cherryville—Lexington Dispatch.

The old fashioned boy who used to get two pieces of candy, an orange and an apple at Christmas time now has a son who wants a six cylinder car and a bank account.

"I never saw but one man," said Uncle Bill Fottletop, "that I thought had a chance foolin' with bootleg liquor. He was a sword-swallower and his wife was a snake-charmer."—Washington Star.

Teacher—Now, Bobby, which would you rather have—one apple of two halves? Bobby—Two halves. Teacher—Oh, Bobby! Why should you prefer two halves? Bobby—Because then I could see if it was bad inside.—Chicago News.

The Sunday School Lesson
May 25, 1924

JEREMIAH AND THE BABYLONIAN CRISIS.

Q.—How is the Word to read and heard that it may become effectual to salvation? A.—That the word may become effectual to salvation we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts and practice it in our lives.

While the writer of a few comments on the lessons in this paper is sincerely interested in the salvation of all who read these lines he is aware that there is no saving virtue in any save his LORD. For your own eternal salvation let me plead that you attend to the reading of God's word with diligence, preparation and prayer; that you receive it with faith and love; that you store away large portions of it in your hearts and that you practice its precepts daily. While you are doing this remember the author of these lines at the throne of grace. You do not know who I am but God does and He will hear and answer your prayer.

Jeremiah carried on his exceedingly difficult ministry during the reigns of five kings, viz.: Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah. He also lived during the time that Ahikam and Gedaliah served as viceroys of the King of Babylon.

Jeremiah was designated as belonging to the office of a prophet before his birth. God is always prepared for every emergency. The fall was not a surprise neither was redemption an afterthought with God. God is never before the time neither is He too late. Jeremiah had his message and his gifts from God; upon his was the touch of the divine hand. In spite of his utterances accompanied by the power of God we hear his uttering cries of despair. One of these was, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard change his spots?" To put it bluntly Jeremiah preached under the direction and accompanied by the power of God but his people went wrong in spite of his entreaties for them.

Coming to the passage for consideration, what is your outline of the 20th chapter, verses 8-16? Read it diligently, pray about it, receive its message in faith and love, memorize and practice the lessons it teaches in your everyday life. How does yours compare with mine?

- 1. Verse 8-9—An Enraged Mob.
2. Verse 9-15—Considering the Issue.
3. Verse 16—The Verdict.

Jeremiah had been true to his duty. He had told his people that if they refused to hearken to God, to walk in His law, to hearken to the words of His prophets, God would make His house like Shiloh and the city a curse to all nations. The people immediately laid hold on him and told him he should surely die. If the people refuse to listen to God, to walk in His law and to listen to His prophets, the temples of God may stand as long as the material in them holds good but the glory of God will not be in them.

Considering the Issue.

The priests, the prophets and the people were sorely pained by the civil rulers had to come up from the Kings' house to the house of God. Here is a plain case where religious fanatics proved less capable of deciding an issue than the princes. I take it that the princes are the civil rulers, certainly closely connected with the king. It is a matter of regret that religious leaders sometimes are less capable of deciding vital issues than the civil authorities. It is a sad commentary on the moral conditions of the times. We find that they all said to the princes: "This man is worthy of death!"

Thank God the princes were big enough to consider the issue and did not push it until Jeremiah made his defense. In his defense Jeremiah again pours out the words of God and submits his case after warning the princes, into their hands.

Intensely religious people are apt to be fanatical. In our day we do well to remember that the Bible says, "Let your moderation be known to all men." "In nothing be anxious but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall guard your hearts."

The Verdict.

This is the verdict of the princes of the people. The priests and prophets who should have been the first to see the position of Jeremiah were so blinded with their own prejudices that they were the last and there is little evidence that they ever did agree. There can be nothing that is more

FAT MAN'S CORNER

He (over the phone)—What time expecting me? She (icily)—I am not expecting you. He—All right then, I'll surprise you. Pipe Progress.

"Sambo, dis mawin' de boss he me, 'Mose, yo' sho' out gues' ev'ry An' morn' dat, yo' mus' use tact. Sambo, what did he mean by tact? what did he mean by tact?"

"Well, Mose, I displains dat to mawin', I opens de baf-room do' was a woman standin' in de tub, and de do' quick an' I says: 'Scuse me' Now, Mose, dat 'scuse me' was but dat 'tact' was tact."—Pipe Progress.

Little Girl (to bride at wedding tion)—You don't look nearly so thin should have thought.

Bride—Don't I, dear? But why think I should look tired?

Little Girl—Well, I heard mother had been running after Mr. Sam months and months.—Pipe Progress.

"Are you Hungary?"

"Yes, Siam."

"Den Russia to de table and IH

"At right, Sweden my coffee and D my bill."—Pipe Progress.

A candidate, rushing to address a at an extra election, was accosted friend. "What do you think of the situation now?" he was asked.

"Don't bother me!" responded the cian. "I've got to talk. This is no think."—Pathfinder.

"Have you any references?" asked lady of the house.

"Yes, ma'am, a lot of 'em."

"Then, why didn't you bring the you?"

"They're just like my photographs. None of 'em does me justice.—P Weekly.

"Why don't you marry Adolph?"

"He is a Freethinker. He doesn't there is a hell!"

"Then you should marry him. Y then convince him of his error!"—Tian's Korsaren.

Smith was walking along the avenue it began to rain. In front he thou saw his friend Jones with an umbrella slugged him on the back and said, "Hallow! Give me that umbrella!"

When the man turned and Smith face he realized that he was an utter ger. Naturally, he was embarrassed the other man appeared even more so and immediately handed over the u "I beg your pardon," he apologized didn't know it belonged to you."—Tit-Bits.

She—Are they putting that poor for laughing?

He—No. The manager has sent to find out what he was laughing at ton Transcript.

Intelligent young son to father—do you know that a device for sleep has been invented?

Father—Yes, son, we used to have our home when you were a baby—and invention.

"What do you know of the charged defendant?" asked the judge. "I've ordered laundress subpoenaed in an case of a white man arrested for driving of a motor car.

"It's tolerable," said Maria.

"Had you seen him drive the car "Yassah."

"Would you consider him careful "Well, jedge, as fo' de car— thing ain't gwine to hurt nobody, us is all here, I might as well tell sho' is careless 'bout payin' fo' b

—Pathfinder.

abominable in the sight of God the bigotry and religious prejudice.

The verdict of the more liberal princes and people held good and was allowed to live. The date of as well as the place is not definite. It is believed by some that he died while others believe that he died in