

Ahoskie Farmer Winner In A Nation Wide Writing Contest

Mr. I. E. Coleson Explodes Notion That Literary Fame Is Confined To Chair Warmers, College Products, Or Newspaper Offices. As A Diver, He Was Good, As A Farmer He's There And As A Writer, He Is A Winner

All the satellites in the literary world are not to be found in the schools and colleges, nor are they habitues of offices where swivel-back chairs are the most used article; neither are they confined to the newspaper kingdom. Some are located in the least expected places and many of them have been surprised at their own ability to compete successfully with the best there be in the business.

Mr. I. E. Coleson, farmer living on route four from Ahoskie, has shown himself to be a person of divers trades, occupations and professions; at least he can claim fame in all three kingdoms. His latest contribution to the list came to him in the form of \$15 in pure gold money, second prize for having written the best description of "My Most Thrilling Experience" as a diver. In a Nation-wide contest, fostered by a New York magazine, "Ace High", Mr. Coleson stood second best, for which the \$15 was given. The article written by him appeared in the March 1st number of the magazine.

According to Mr. Coleson, who is far from taking any glory unto himself, he sat down one rainy day, with not a thing to do. He could not work on his farm; it was too wet. Picking up the magazine, he read of the contest, and, more for venture than for any hope of reward, he decided to compete. There was nothing to lose, he thought, so he proceeded to put it down on paper.

It took but a little time to tell of his experience. Next Saturday, when he was coming to town, he walked into the office of the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and had him type the article, and mail it to the contest manager in New York City. No thought of hearing from it ever entered his mind, and when he received the money a few weeks ago, he was more surprised than boastful. It has already been told in these columns how he spent the money—on the very next day after its receipt his young son had three finger tips blown off by a dynamite cap. For surgical work done on his son's hands, he paid out the \$15. However, he has the satisfaction of knowing he won the honors, on the article which follows:

My Most Thrilling Experience

As near as I remember, my most thrilling experience was in 1912 while I was working at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

The fleet of cruisers and battle ships were out on the capes at target practice. The Louisiana, one of the cruisers, had an explosion in her aft magazine and had to be brought to the yard for docking and repairs. Owing to the accident, the officers of the ship, found it advisable to move part of the coal in her bunkers aft, which caused the ship to draw more water aft than usual.

When we put the ship into dock, we found that it could not be docked in the usual method. Being one of the divers who was stationed there, I was sent down to put blocking under the ship. I was to work the port side and a man from the ship was to work on the starboard.

I gathered my crew and put on my suit and went down. In about two hours I finished on my side of the ship and came up and reported to the docking master that I had finished. He told me that for some reason, the man on the starboard had been unable to do his work; and that I would have to go down again and finish the job.

I should have moved all my diving gear from the port side to the starboard before going down; but, being in a hurry as it was getting late, I went down again and crossed under the ship, not thinking about the tide being at ebb.

I did the work in about the same time as I had done it on the other side of the ship, and started back. To my horror and dismay, I found the ship so near the blocking on which it was to be landed that I could not pass beneath the keel. Anyone who has been sealed in a diving suit can appreciate how I was situated.

I had read of divers getting trapped in wrecks and disconnecting their life line and air and getting out that way. But, dear reader, believe me when I say that that is not practical and should only be used as a case of last resort.

It was dark as midnight and the only guide I had was by feeling along with my hands, which were bare. I began to feel along between the blocking, trying to find a space large enough to pass through. It seemed as if I would never find a space large enough. I cannot begin to tell the number of times I tried to go between those blocks. I tried head foremost, feet foremost, sideways and every way that a man whose life is at stake would try. Finally, I found some blocks that seemed to be a wee bit farther apart than the others I had tried. Oh! How my hopes arose and how I worked to get between those blocks. It seemed, at times, that I would tear my suit off in my struggles to get through. I had lost all trace of time and did not know whether it was day or night. At times, I was so exhausted from my struggles that I could only lie down and gasp for breath. My life line and air hose had gotten snarled some

way and could not signal my tender.

At times, I almost despaired of ever getting out; then I would try again. After a long time, I got in some peculiar shape and squeezed through. How I blessed the builder of that dock for making that slight mistake in spacing the blocking!

After getting through, I found my air hose caught on a block with scarcely the width of my hand between the hose and the bottom of the ship. After clearing the life line and hose, I signaled my tender, and was pulled up, and my suit taken off.

How good the sun looked and how sweet the air smelled after being for so long in that death trap.

For months afterwards, I would start up in my sleep, dreaming I was back under the old Louisiana in that death trap. IRVIN E. COLESON.

Electrical Interests Name Committee to Study Question of Taking Electricity to Farmer.

Adopting as its purpose the motto "Popularize the farm by powerizing it," the National Electric Light Association has appointed a special committee to promote the extension of electric power lines in rural sections of the United States.

The particular problems involved in this expansion of the existing power distribution lines will be studied with care. The most serious of these problems is the question of making it profitable to both power company and farmer for the distribution lines to be extended on the basis of cost involved. The cost cannot be reduced by the power company below a certain point, because a fixed amount of line materials has to be used whether the company serves ten customers or a hundred.

Yet it is recognized by electrical interests that if electric light and power can be taken to the farm it will greatly strengthen the arm of the farmer. More than that, it will prove a stimulus to the development of all agriculture.

The Electrical World has declared that the farmer is in the same position with reference to the use of electricity as was the manufacturer twenty years ago and that electricity is a method of helping him solve his economic dilemma, just as it aided the manufacturer. The Committee of the National Electric Light Association believes that electrical labor saving machines will save the day for the farmer's wife, for the farmer himself and for the hired help, which is scarce at best and prone to be discontented if overworked beyond a certain point.

NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of Brodie B. Hall, notice is hereby given to those that are indebted to said estate to please make immediate payment. All those holding claims against the estate will please present the same to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of May, 1924, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

NORMAN HALL, Executor.
JNO. E. VANN, Attorney.
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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JULY 8

MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 1:26-38, 46-56; 1:1-20, 41-52; John 19:25-27.

GOLDEN TEXT—"Thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins."—Matt. 1:21.

REFERENCE MATERIAL.—Matt. 1:18-2:12; John 2:1-11; John 19:25-27.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Mary and the Baby, Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Mary and the Boy, Jesus.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Notable Incidents in the Life of Mary.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

I. Mary at Nazareth (Luke 1:26-38, 46-56).

Mary was a Jewish maid of the town of Nazareth. The first information we have of her is that she was engaged to be married to Joseph, a carpenter of the same village. It seems that the custom among the Jews was for betrothal to take place a year before marriage. During this interval the woman remained with her parents.

1. Gabriel Sent from God to Mary (vv. 26-38). It was during this interval of betrothal before Joseph and Mary were married that God sent the angel Gabriel to announce unto Mary that she was to be the mother of Jesus.

Isaiah, more than 700 years before, prophesied that a virgin should give birth to a son whose name should be called Immanuel (Isa. 7:14). Though at first perplexed, she accepted the announcement with remarkable courage and devotion. To be told that she was to be a mother was nothing startling, for this was the normal desire of every married Jewish woman. Under the circumstances she accepted motherhood at a tremendous cost. She was conscious of her virgin purity. She knew that to become a mother under such circumstances would expose her to unutterable suspicion and shame.

This was the view that certain Jews took of the matter, for they insinuated to Jesus that He was born of fornication (John 8:41). Her faith was such that she responded with noble courage. She said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38).

2. Her Wonderful Song (vv. 46-56). In her embarrassment she set out on a visit to an elderly kinswoman named Elisabeth. Having sought the sympathy and encouragement of this friend, her triumphant faith carried her beyond the misunderstanding, the scorn and shame which awaited her, and caused her soul to burst out in this most wonderful song of praise.

II. Mary at Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-20). What Gabriel announced to Mary was now being fulfilled. Caesar's decree concerning taxation brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem at the opportune time for the fulfillment of Micah 5:2. Because of the crowded condition of the inn, the birth of the world's Saviour took place in a cave-stable.

III. Mary in Jerusalem and Galilee (Luke 2:41-52). Jesus, now at the age of twelve, was a child of the law, for at this age the child took his responsibility as a worshiper.

1. Failure in Vigilant Care (v. 48). They had left the city and gone a whole day's journey without knowing where the child was.

2. Failure to Understand Fully Jesus' Action and Words (v. 50). No particular censure should attach to this, as it is beyond our ability even now to understand all these things.

3. Failure to Properly Sympathize with Jesus' Deepest Longings and Emotions. "How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

4. Failure to Perceive Her Limit of Masterfulness. The time comes when duty to God takes precedence over duty to parents. All these limitations should be viewed with the background of her deep devotion to God. Her whole life was lived in a spiritual atmosphere. She was just the kind of woman to whom God would trust the upbringing of His Son. Jesus went back with them to Nazareth and was subject unto them.

IV. Mary at the Cross (John 19:25-27).

This was a great trial. For any mother to see her son die in a trial, but what must it have been for this mother in the face of all the sacred memories that clung to her soul? It is beautiful to note the tender care which Jesus in His dying hour manifested for His mother. He committed her to the care of John. John accepted the responsibility of a son and took her to his home.

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If Back Hurts Flush Kidneys

Drink Plenty of Water and Take Glass of Salts Before Breakfast Occasionally

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salts which helps to remove the body's urinous waste and stimulate them to their normal activity.

The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 500 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

Drink lots of good water—you can't drink too much; also get from any pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts. Take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help clean and stimulate clogged kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in the system so they are no longer a source of irritation, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; can not injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to help keep their kidneys clean and active. Try this; also keep up the water drinking, and no doubt you will wonder what became of your kidney trouble and backache. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

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IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Annie P. Sears
In loving memory of our dear mother who passed away one year ago today, July 7, 1922.
Deep in our hearts, Mother, you are never forgotten;
Sweet memories cling around your name.
The hearts that are breaking with love and affection
Always will love you
In death just the same.
SEARS FAMILY.

NOTICE

Having this day qualified as Administrator on the Estate of Geo. W. Horton, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly and properly itemized and verified, on or before the 29th day of June, 1924, or this notice will be pleaded at bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 29th day of June, 1923.
R. C. BRIDGER, Administrator.
7-6-23-6t.

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