

THE FRANKLIN TIMES

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TAR DROPS

The fire alarm on Wednesday night proved to be a false alarm.

Cotton sold for 29 1/2 cents a pound in Louisburg yesterday.

It is expected that work will begin on remodeling the jail Monday morning.

Tar river got to be quite large Tuesday, following the heavy rains Sunday.

L. Kline & Co. have opened their new shoe store in the Strickland building.

The residence of Mr. E. F. Thomas on North Main street is being pushed to completion.

With the building of the new filtration plant, the additions to the College, the remodeling of the jail and the erection of a number of buildings Louisburg should catch a new inspiration this summer.

Messrs. J. A. Mitchner, J. H. Best, E. H. Malone, C. P. Harris, W. D. Bowden, W. C. Stallings, W. A. Mullin and A. F. Johnson were elected as delegates to the Tobacco Growers District meeting to be held in Norfolk Saturday at an election held in Louisburg on Saturday, May 10th.

The Registration Books of all townships are now open. There is no new registration, but it is necessary for all those who have moved to new locations, that is from one township to another, to register, also those who have become of age since the last election. Do this now. The books will close on Saturday, May 24th, 1924.

CONSTANT VIGILANCE

The following is an extract from the address of Prof. E. C. Sexton, before the graduating class of Justice High School.

Ladies and Gentlemen and members of the graduating class:

Ignorance is free. Knowledge has to be bought and paid for, and the price is always high. But usually it is worth all it cost, for by defeat, real men learn the secret of victory and failure is often the first step on the road to success.

When after the gloom of middle ages new worlds were discovered in the universe, life became once more a great adventure and the idea of progress received a new impulse. It was an age of other chances. Men felt the lure of new opportunities; and new societies organized. He built new homes and institutions under a new sky, and upon new skies; and upon a new soil were glorified by the thought and hope that they would be better than those of the past.

Today it is reasonable and normal to think of human history as being the events and experiences of the human races put in form of books, and you, who have graduated today in the knowledge of some of these vents, have launched your boat into the sea of life—the fuel of experience and constant vigilance.

By experience and constant vigilance our fore fathers moved forward from darkness into light, from slavery to freedom, from poverty to comfort, from aloofness among men and nations to friendly contact and cooperation, politically, spiritually, intellectually and materially—these are the goals of earthy will being, towards which the face of the world is turning in deathless hope and desire. Experience is a great captain, provided you have constant vigilance at the pilot. Let me ask you who have graduated from this institution today, to always let your experience be superintended by constant vigilance and serene thought. Ever be on the watch as to demoralizing your character, and poisoning your minds and lives with new scientific knowledge, which is apart from the fundamental and basic principles of the laws of nature and the universe. Be aware of the polished entanglements that might overtake you on this sea of life; such as the dance hall, the swimming pool, the card table and the minute temptations which might lure you to an acceptance. God forbid that one from the class of 1924 should ever prove false to the grounded principles taught you in this institution. Integrity is the keynote to which your lives have been taught to harmonize. Unfulfill this flag of truthfulness and let its essence fall upon those with whom you come in contact. Should fate so ordain each of you that you go to college, let it be known that your constant vigilance is integrity which means to seek the truth, to know the truth, and to live the truth. And may God's eternal blessings permeate your individual life until the son of God who wore the thorns and bore the cross, shall invite you to dwell with Him.

LARGE GROWER SIGNS CONTRACT

Raleigh, May 12.—After two years' observation of the methods of operation, J. H. B. Tomlinson, one of the largest growers of cotton in Johnston county, a progressive farmer and business man has signed a contract and joined the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association. Mr. Tomlinson plants only high grade seed and made a record last year of 235 bales on 175 acres of land. In addition, he also conducts tests of seed each year under the direct supervision of the State Department. Mr. Tomlinson says he believes that the cooperative marketing plan is the method that offers the farmers financial and industrial independence and he wishes to have a part in the movement. He expects to raise 300 bales this year.

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NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

The War Department has announced judges in the National Essay Contest, sponsored by the Women's Overseas Service League, in their effort to aid procurement of candidates for the Citizens' Military Training Camps which are being conducted thruout the United States for young men between 17 and 24 years of age. The judges composing the National Board will be General Perishing, Miss Louis Wells, Chicago, President of W. O. S. L., Mr. Charles B. Pike, President of the Military Training Camp Association, Mr. John J. Tigert, Commissioner of Education, Department of the Interior, Miss Anita E. Phipps, Director, Women's Relations War Department. There are two other members of the Board to be selected later from among prominent women at the National Capital.

The subject of the essay is "Why a Young Man Whom I know Should Attend A Citizens' Military Training Camp." There has been a great deal of interest taken in the contest and in many states, thruout the Union, valuable prizes have been offered by states and communities, in addition, to the national prizes which are free trips to Washington for the writers of the three best essays in the United States. In addition to the trip which will be generously financed by the W. O. S. L. and will include all pocket money and every incidental expense connected with the trip, Mrs. Coolidge, the wife of the president will present medals of the White House to the winners of The W. O. S. L. will arrange an elaborate schedule of entertainment.

FARMERS FOOLED ON HIGH TARIFF FOR 60 YEARS

Dr. Benjamin H. Hibbard, professor of agricultural economics in the University of Wisconsin, at the request of the editor of the Nebraska Union Farmer has given an estimate of the Republican profiteers' tariff. This estimate has been published by the Union Farmer, which is a publication of considerable influence among agricultural producers of Nebraska and adjacent states.

"With respect to the tariff," said Dr. Hibbard in his letter to the Nebraska editor, "your sentiment was voiced rather well by one of my graduate students about a year ago. I had him bring a report concerning the relation of tariff to agriculture. He made a very excellent report, and after finishing asked a question about as follows:

"How is it possible since all argument and logic is against the tariff that Congress pays no attention to these facts?"

"The only answer that I can give is that the economists are not politicians, and their views are not wanted by the interests which are served by tariff enactments. The farmers have been fooled on the subject and have voted for high tariffs for at least sixty years. It seems that now they are getting their eyes open, and yet, I dare say the November election will show a confusion of plans and programs with respect to tariff modification. In view of this, the manufacturers have no difficulty in getting what they want."

PERSONAL LIABILITY LEGISLATION IN FRANCE

How would you like to have a fire in France?

The following information relative to French Personal Liability Legislation for fires caused by negligence is extracted from a report recently received through the State Department from Consul General A. M. Thackeray, located at Paris. It was prepared at request of Insurance Department, Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The responsibility of tenants for fire damages is governed by Articles 1733 and 1734 of the French Civil Code, promulgated on March 21, 1804, which read as follows in translation.

"Article 1733. The tenant is responsible for fires, unless he is able to prove that the fire was accidental or due to circumstances beyond his control (force majeure) or due to faulty construction of the building, or that the fire was communicated by a neighboring house.

"Article 1734. (Law of January 5, 1833). If there are several tenants in the building, they are all responsible for a fire breaking out therein, in proportion to the income which the landlord receives from each of them as rental for their respective premises unless they prove the fire commenced in a particular apartment; in that case the tenant in whose apartment the fire commenced is alone responsible. If certain tenants prove that the fire could not have commenced in their apartment, those producing such proof are relieved from responsibility for the damage caused."

The law of January 5, 1833, has modified the former law that each tenant ceased to be held responsible jointly, and is now held responsible individually only in proportion to the rental value of the part of the building which he occupies with regard to the surplus occupants by the other tenants.

Some changes have been made in the old laws as to division of individual responsibility but articles 1733 and 1734 of the Civil Code establish a presumption of fault on the part of the tenants, who cannot exonerate themselves unless they prove that the fire could not have broken out in their home, or that the cause of the fire resulted from improper or faulty construction or improper care of the building.

According to conversations with directors of several fire insurance companies in Paris, it appears that the laws concerning fire insurance are strictly enforced under articles 1733 and 1734 of the Civil Code.

A little such legislation in the United States might cut down our \$500,000,000 annual fire bill and save thousands of lives each year.

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Army Airmen Create Altitude Record Making Remarkable Photos



Lieuts. John A. Macready, test pilot and A. W. Stevens, aerial photographer, broke the world's two man altitude record in reaching 31,500 feet at the Dayton, Ohio field. The airmen flew a Le Pore ship and reached a height approximately six miles above the city of Dayton, from which point a remarkable photo of the city, nineteen square miles, was made on a single plate. In the photo is shown the oxygen equipment which was used by the airmen from 21,000 to 31,500 feet and the camera with which the photos were obtained. Lieut. Macready is shown with his helmet on.

LOUISBURG COLORED GRADED SCHOOL CLOSING.

Sunday, May 18, 3:30 p. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. O. W. Dowd, Pastor of the Methodist Church, Louisburg, N. C.

Monday, May 19, 8:00 p. m.—Exercises by the Primary Department, Admission 25 and 35c.

Tuesday, May 20, 8: p. m.—Exercises by the Intermediate Grades, Admission 25 and 35c.

Wednesday, May 21, 11:00 a. m.—Graduating exercises. Annual address will be delivered by Dr. W. B. Morton, of Louisburg, N. C.

All of these exercises will be held in the Graded School building. This has been a very successful term. The children have attended school well. The work has given general satisfaction to my people.

GEO. C. POLLARD, Principal.

WHO BLOCKS TAX REDUCTIONS

Would you hire a doctor to fix an automobile? Would you hire a cook to arrange the financing of a new hotel? No you would not.

Then why is every Congressman and every Senator supposed to be capable of figuring out a better tax plan for financing our national government than are the experts of the United States Treasury who are responsible for a sound financial policy for this nation?

Men not capable of financing a corner grocery store feel more fully qualified to inflict upon the public their ideas of running a six or seven billion dollar annual government budget than do the experts in the Treasury Department.

The people have been crying for tax reduction but instead of giving it to them our rag-chewing politicians in Congress have been fighting to figure out some plan that would override the very business-like proposal of the Secretary of the Treasury and his assistants, which would have lopped over \$300,000,000 off the tax bill for 1923 if it had been adopted.

Politics may be alright as long as it continues itself to political matters, but it is a curse to a nation when it dips into business. The tax question is a problem of business pure and simple and should not be a vote getting vehicle for Republican or Democratic politicians.

WHEAT 24 CENTS BELOW LAST YEAR'S PRICE, DUE TO LOSS OF FOREIGN MARKETS

Report from the west art that this year's crop of wheat in Kansas and adjacent states will be one of the largest on record, though, the prospect of higher prices are not included in the forecast. The foreign market for American cereals of all varieties continues to shrink, and domestic prices are lower than at the same season of 1923.

Comparison of prices in Chicago on April 13, 1923, with those of the same date this year reveal the extent to which the principal cereals have declined. The closing quotation on wheat in Chicago on April 13, 1924, was \$1.02 1/4 a bushel as against \$1.26 1/2 on the corresponding date of 1923. The prices on other grains on the respective dates were: Corn, 80 3/4 cents, and 77 1/2 cents; oats, (September) 45 7/8 cents, and 40 1/2 cents; rye, 87 1/4 cents and 65 3/8 cents.

While relatively little of last year's crop of wheat remains in the farmer's keeping, these prices are significant in reflecting the curtailment of his foreign market. The harvesting of a big crop this year would mean for him not prosperity but prices below the cost of production.

INCREDIBLE

He: "Did you ever see a cornshucking bee?" She: "No, and I don't believe any bee can do it."

Batting "Ace" of Browns



George Sleser, batting ace of the St. Louis Browns and manager of that club, whose absence on the sick list last season for some time greatly affected the race of his club. This season Sleser has come back to his own and is batting and fielding in sensational form.

Styles That Suit the Younger Girls



Taffeta silk is a friend, tried and true, to every daughter of Eve, from the time of her first perky little party frock to that of her last sweetly dignified afternoon gown. It is most kind to the awkward age when sharp angles must be softened. Its crispness and color make it very flattering, especially in beruffled frocks like that one pictured.

ADAM'S APPLE

"Adam's apple" is the name given to the projecting cartilage in a man's throat. It refers to an old tradition that the apple which Eve gave to Adam in the Garden of Eden stuck in his throat because it was forbidden fruit. Eve is to be congratulated for having swallowed hers.

Advertisement for a Men's Bible Class. It features a large number '50' in a decorative frame. The text reads: 'In Men's Bible Class Next Sunday. O. W. DOWD, Teacher'.

Advertisement for McKinne Bros. It features a list of products and prices: 'Walking Cultivators \$50.00', 'Riding Cultivators \$65.00', 'One Horse 4 Shovel Cultivators \$4.95'. The text also says 'USE A 2 Horse Cultviator And Save a Hand' and 'Our expert will put it up and instruct you in its use.' The name 'McKINNE BROS.' is prominently displayed, along with 'PAY CASH and PAY LESS'.

Advertisement for J. W. PERRY. It features the text 'JUST OPENED' in large letters. Below it, it says 'A new line of Spring Slippers and Oxfords for both Ladies and Gentlemen. Also a good line of work shoes for Men. Be sure to see them before you buy. To show you is all I ask... I will do the rest. A full line of Groceries and feed stuffs at all times. Yours truly, J. W. PERRY'. There is also a small section titled 'SHREDDED STATISTICS' with humorous text about a man's appearance and digestion.