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Prayer in Secret.

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.—Matt. 6:6, 8.

If anyone is excited over politics in North Carolina he hasn't made his presence known to the Record.

The weather man seemed to lose entire control of the weather last week. By the way, that fellow, too, must have a new definition for "show-er."

Both the Republican and the Democratic Convention of New York condemned the Ku Klux Klan by name. Kluckers in New York must be rather lonesome.

We should like to call attention of our farmer readers to the article in this issue on "Plant Spring Pasture Crops." The loss of forage and the short corn crop make this article exceedingly timely.

Commander Quin of the American Legion has stated that the soldiers will not rest till the principle equality of sacrifice is written into the Nations' Defense Act. War will not be so popular in the world when wealth is drafted as were men in the last war.

The writer has had reason to note the weather of every fall since 1917, and for seven falls there was scarcely a full rainy day and no West Indies storm. The past three weeks have counterbalanced all those seven pretty falls.

That was some jump in the salary of Frank Page from \$5,500 to \$15,000. The State Highway Commission, in session last week, went the full limit set by the legislature. If Mr. Page is worth \$15,000, he has been making quite a contribution to the state in working for \$5,500. He is worth it, however, if any man in the state earns that amount.

Newspaper folk can work on during rainy weather and get out some kind of a paper, but it is hard to get very much of local interest when the people are rained in for a week.

Later:—We bragged too early. The flooding of the power plant held us back nearly two days, and then we simply had to leave matter unset and go to press, errors and all.

It is surprising and gratifying to find how well the roads of this county have withstood the 15 days of almost continuous rain. But the superiority of road construction is not confined to Chatham. Think of a Ford truck's coming from Clinton to Pittsboro Saturday morning in 6 hours. It is over 90 miles and the weather—well, you recall what Thursday, Friday, and Saturday were.

Theodore Roosevelt has been nominated by the Republicans for governor of New York. Thus far the young Theodore as followed almost identically the footsteps of his father. But being nominated for governor of New York this year is not the same as being elected, as young Roosevelt is matched against Al Smith as the Democratic candidate and the man that beats Al in New York must be some runner. It is likely that the parallel between Father and Son Theodore will end with the November election.

Governor Morrison is reported to have said that he will personally see to it that Dr. Peacock is brought back from California. Attorney-General Manning can find no law authorizing the extradition of a person on the ground of insanity. Here's hoping Governor Morrison succeeds, though such a hope is clearly based on the idea that Dr. Peacock's imprisonment was a penalty and not a precautionary measure. The mischief was in the acquittal of the butcher on the ground of insanity, for that act put punishment as such beyond the power of the state.

At Kenansville there are some old fashioned children as evidenced by the fact that eleven have recently received prizes for memorizing the Child's Catechism and will undertake the Shorter Catechism next summer.

John W. Kurfees, Concord Republican, twits President Coolidge with weakly declining to make any statement as to his attitude toward the Ku Klux because, forsooth, he is president of all the people or words to that effect, while he has recently denounced the socialists. Mr. Kurfees thinks there were no votes to lose in denouncing the socialists, while it is otherwise in the case of the Ku Klux. Mr. Kurfees, writing an open letter to Ike Meekins through the Greensboro News, urges Mr. Meekins to make his attitude toward Kluckers clear without waiting for McLean, as that gentleman, in Kurfee's opinion, will make no declaration.

Beating the University was no marvel when the editor of the Record was a Wake Forest student 1888-92. A football game in those days was a battle, and both teams were largely composed of mature men. The youthfulness of college students in these days makes it practically impossible to get a team to match those of the earlier date in weight and brawn. In those old days Wake Forest had actually more students than the University had and it was easy to match the latter. On the other hand, it is a real feat to pick a team from 600 students that can beat the best picked from a student body of 2,000. Consequently, if there is any glory in a football victory, the Wake Forest team, in beating the University Saturday, won a full measure of it.

Here is what a California correspondent of Capper's Weekly thinks of the tariff on sugar:

"Nearly everything has a tariff duty on it. Even the beeman got a 3 cent duty on honey. The sugar interests got 2 cents. I bought 1,100 pounds of sugar last year to feed my bees to keep them from starving. And I'll have to repeat the same thing this year on account of the drouth here. Of course, that 2 cents a pound extra that I paid as a tariff on sugar, went to help some one who was selling sugar or growing sugar. But it seems rather hard that I am obliged to pay \$60 in two years because of that extra tax on sugar. There are probably only 200,000 growers of sugar, but that 2 cent tax on sugar causes every household in the United States to pay an extra \$10 a year for its sugar."

Lawrence Stallings' fortune is made. Stallings is a graduate of Wake Forest College, served with the marines in France, returned a physical wreck for the time being, but found his affiancée ready to marry him, just the same. She is the second daughter of President Poteat of Wake Forest. After regaining his health, young Stallings became literary editor of one of the great New York papers. He has written a book and a play, both presenting war in its true aspect. The play, entitled "What Price Glory," was taking Broadway by storm. It was predicted that it would run six months on Broadway. But certain army officers saw it and demanded that it be stopped and the producers were indicted on the ground of violation of the "Defense Act," since they alleged it was preventing enlistment. Scarcely a better advertisement of Stallings' play could have evolved.

If the state would parallel the railroads with its speedways and if the traveling public prefers highway travel to railroad transit, there seems nothing to do but let the railroads take off non paying trains. This editor was about the only one in the state to oppose the policy of expending the major part of the highway funds in paralleling the railroads. He foresaw hurt to those vitally necessary utilities and little development of the undeveloped sections of the state through such a scheme. Speedways will, we fear, be found in the long run to be of very little value to the State's progress. But a road across country that provides transportation facilities to sections remote from the railroads is a real asset. The great central highway paralleling the railroads from Beaufort to Murphy can, in the very nature of things, do very little toward the real development of the state. People, as a rule, have no necessity to haul goods along by the side of a railroad track, but to and from the railroads. But if mere riding pays, the expenditure for parallel roads should be exceedingly profitable.

We are publishing some of the propaganda for Governor Morrison's port bill. We wish we had space for all of the argument, pro and con, so that our readers might be in position to form an intelligent opinion upon the matter. But even the editor with access to a great deal of literature on the subject, has not come to a definite decision as to the practicability of the \$8,000,000 proposition. It seems impossible for us to get away

from the vision of the Red River, on whose banks we lived a while. Here was a fine stream of water, navigable from Shreveport to its confluence with the Mississippi and available for big steamers as far up as Alexandria, a city of 15,000, and yet the only boat we ever saw on the Red was the government dredge boat and we crossed the bridge at Alexandria several times a week. The Mississippi, too, was largely unutilized. In view of those facts, we can only hesitate to approve an eight million dollar expenditure for ports. It is not right unless they will be utilized. As for reduction of freight rates, this country has come to a pretty pass if it must spend millions uselessly to regulate freight rates.

Don't waste money on any of the oil land speculations. The editor was in Louisiana at the time of the opening of a small new oil field. Finally when a proposition came that we knew would mean a well, we took a little stock, and sure enough the well came in. But even when we had hit it, it flowed so short a time that we got only two-thirds of our money back. Consider that, and think what a fool you would be to buy "oil" lands in a state in which oil has not yet been discovered. Read the advertisement of our own Chatham county industry, the Carolina Power Light Company, and you will see where you may invest money safely and profitably.

A regular Gulf storm was reported Tuesday headed this way. One good thing—it will have a mischief of a time knocking the cotton out, as such storms are wont to do. Cotton will have to be picked out a lock at a time this year.

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS SAY

SHAW WROUGHT GOOD WORK.

Harnett County News.
The News wishes to make apology. We made mental note of the fact that Brother Shaw had transferred his title as editor and owner of the Chatham Record to Brother Peterson; but the rush after business and the push of creditors has caused us to neglect so wonderful an opportunity to pay tribute to a worthy brother who has labored earnestly honestly and we hope successfully in the field, as well also to greet another brother who takes up and carries on that work. Colin G. Shaw is not a man who seeks to make friends of everybody, but this was probably because he did not believe in the impossible. Some of us outside the province of Chatham are of the opinion that some of his enemies there should have been his friends. But that's not our affair. We maintain, however, that Colin Shaw wrought a good work in Chatham. Brother Peterson is a capable newspaper man, and if the people of Chatham county want a good newspaper they will do well to rally to the support of The Record.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

Insurance commissioner Stacey Wade, who is also the fire marshal of the state, announces fire prevention week for October 5 to 11. The department has prepared some astounding figures, both for the state and the nation. In view of the North Carolina losses something of the plight of South Carolina people who must pay vastly higher insurance rates, can be judged. A big war in the Palmetto state for reduction of rates brought to the insurance commission many companies who declared that on account of the excellent supervision of North Carolina rates are much lower. The losses still give Mr. Wade the greatest concern. Over 15,000 lives cost, and over 17,000 people seriously injured each year in the United States. The total estimated property loss in the United States for 1922 was over \$21,000,000; and the estimate for 1923 is that it is over \$550,000,000. The regular stock fire insurance companies paid \$21,700,000 for fire losses in North Carolina during the four years of 1920 to 1924. This represents only about three fourths of the total losses. The average annual fire loss in North Carolina is running between \$6,000,000 and \$8,000,000. Fire Loss For August. The state insurance department's official report of fires, just out, shows a North Carolina loss for August of \$212,820. Excluding loss in five fires during the month, caused by lightning, \$15,000, Commissioner Wade says would legitimately reduce the loss to \$198,000, making four months in succession that the state losses has been under \$200,000. The causes of the 140 fires were principally shingle roofs, and defective flues, 40 unknown, 34 adjoining building, 8 oil stoves and overhot tobacco flues 7 each; incendiary 6. —Raleigh correspondent, Daily News.

BODY OF WILLIAM H. BURNS WILL BE BURIED IN CHATHAM.
Dunn, Sept. 30.—The remains of William H. Burns, who died Saturday at the home of his son, Merritt Burns here, was taken today to his home in Chatham county for interment. Deceased was 75 years old and had been in declining health for several months. The immediate cause of his death, however, was pneumonia. Mr. Burns was a devoted member of the Missionary Baptist church and a good man. The funeral was conducted from his old home church by Rev. Elbert N. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church of Dunn.

October 7-10 just next week, are the dates for the Big County Fair at Siler City. Be there.

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