

Children's Storyland

THE WHISPERING FOOTPRINTS

Eddy, O Eddy, where are you? "Here, mother," came a shrill little voice from the back yard.

"Come here, Eddy; I want you to do something for me."

Then the back door opened, and Mrs. Taylor heard the soft thud of bare feet along the passage.

Now, there were no cuts or bumps or bruises about the little boy. Why should the mother think anything was the matter?

"Nothing's the matter," said Eddy, looking out of the window.

"I am especially sorry that you should disobey me by sneaking through the coal room window," said Mrs. Taylor.

"Why, mother, I didn't say," began Eddy, glad of a chance to defend himself.

"Do you think you talk only with your lips?" interrupted his mother.

"I can't imagine," said Eddy honestly.

The little boy turned, and there between him and the door were five coal-dusty footprints on the white matting.

"Do you think we can ever do wrong, Eddy, and not leave marks of it somewhere?" she asked.

"Won't they come out?" asked Eddy. He meant the footprints on the matting.

And then, for a punishment and for a reminder, mother kept the footprints on the sitting room floor that whole day.

NO LOOSE ENDS

Louise was spending a week with her great-aunt Hilda, who weaves beautiful rugs.

The words puzzled Louise a little, but watching the brisk old lady made them clear.

Louise likes to sweep, but sometimes she does not remember to put the broom and dustpan away.

"Suppose you brush up the litter and then we'll go in the other room," she said.

It's good for me to visit Aunt Hilda, she thought, for she is wise enough to see that she has a habit of leaving many things unfinished.

make herself so much extra work. Everything she does counts, because it is finished right.

Fretful hours, shame and danger still come from leaving things unfinished. Girls and boys are wise to train themselves to better ways.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU

There's a sweet old story translated for man.

But writ in the long, long ago—The Gospel according to Mark, Luke, and John—

Of Christ and his mission below.

You are writing a Gospel, a chapter each day.

Men read what you write, whether faithful or true.

Say, what is the Gospel according to you?

Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ.

With its love so unfailing and true; But what do they say, and what do they think

Of the Gospel "according to you?"

'Tis a wonderful story, that Gospel of Love,

As it shines in the Christ-like Divine.

And, oh, that its truth might be told again

In the story of your life and mine!

Unselfishness mirrors in every scene;

Love blossoms on every sod;

And back from its vision the heart comes to tell

The wonderful goodness of God.

You are writing each day a letter to men,

Take care that the writing is true;

'Tis the only Gospel some men will read,

That Gospel according to you. —Unknown.

Jesus' Prayer Life

By LOIS V. GENTRY

There is surely a mystery in the prayer life of Jesus. Why should God pray to God? If we think of prayer as petition then the question naturally comes "If Christ be God why should He pray to God?"

The occasions for prayer in Jesus' life were many. He prayed before every important step or crisis in His life.

Jesus considered prayer as a privilege. Prayer rested and strengthened Him and gave Him new vigor and patience to bear all that was His to bear.

Jesus' play of prayer was a solitary place. He seemed particularly to like the mountains. The hills around Him and the trees over Him did much to soothe and calm His mind.

Just before Jesus' trial and death He went for strength to the Garden of Gethsemane.

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SARGON ENDS TEN YEARS SUFFERING

"I suffered ten years with indigestion and pains in my stomach after nearly every meal. Sometimes the pressure around my heart would make me feel like I was smothering to death. Constipation bothered me a



MRS. MARY T. MANGUM

great deal, and I'm sure it was caused by a sluggish liver. No medicine I could find would help me more than just temporarily.

"Recently my mother visited me and got me to try Sargon which had done the same for me. I can eat anything I want, even cabbage, without a sign of indigestion. Sargon Pills put my liver to work and ended my constipation. I feel like a new woman."

Mrs. Mary T. Mangum, 1117 Wolf St., Durham, N. C.

G. R. Pilkington, Agent. —Adv.

Will Present Facts About Food Crops

How nearly the different counties of North Carolina are growing their own supplies of food and feed and whether the main crops are being produced at a profit or loss are some of the interesting facts that will be presented to the farm people of North Carolina during the next four months.

The Board of Trustees of State College has authorized President E. C. Brooks to proceed with the expenditure of sufficient funds to see that this information is carried to the leading farmers and to the local press.

For instance, says Dean I. O. Schaub, Mr. Sheffield's figures show that the farmers of the State on the average are nearly feeding themselves. It is the city folks who are buying food from outside.

The extension service plans therefore during the next four months to show by actual and carefully secured data the condition in each county so that the Boards of Agriculture, the county agent and the county officials may take the necessary steps to help balance the local agriculture.

Full plans for presenting this information will be made at the annual extension conference to be held at the College during the week of January 6.

Gulf News

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Pocomoke—No? Catterwaul—No. I've just discovered it's in the cellar under 10 tons of coal.—The Pathfinder.

INTERESTING FACTS FOR FARMERS

TIMELY HINTS ON GROWING CROPS.

News of the Week on Chatham County Farms

Mr. J. J. Brown of the Department of Agriculture at Raleigh, and Mr. P. A. Seese, Extension Poultryman, were visitors in the county this last week. The purpose of their visit was the blood-testing of two poultry flocks for bacillary white diarrhea.

One of the smallest wheat crops in the history of the county has been seeded this fall. Unfavorable weather conditions have prevented the seeding of fully half a normal crop.

For the purpose of ascertaining the best adapted varieties of corn for planting in Chatham county, two corn variety tests will be conducted on two different soil types in Chatham county this year.

The County Agent has had a number of inquiries for various seeds from the newly organized Seed Certification Department for use in this county. There is now available some 10,000 bushels of Mexican Big Boll cotton seed.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

A barred Rock hen at the University of Missouri recently finished her first laying year with a production of 301 eggs, the last of which averaged 24 ounces to the dozen.

A weather service for dairying is now being offered by Cornell University. This is another step in the direction of helping the dairy industry of that section to meet the increasing demand for milk.

An analysis of the accounts on sixty-seven Knox county, Ohio, farms brings out some important factors which have to do with farm profits. Net incomes above all labor and other costs varied from a profit at \$4,807 down to a loss of \$320 a year.

Farm News

Edited by N. C. SHIVER, County Agt.

DOINGS OF CHATHAM FARMERS

STOCK FARMING, POULTRY, ETC.

Size of the livestock business and the efficiency of the stock were about equal and ranked next in importance. Farms with more than six cows showed average incomes of \$1,788; those with less than that showed average incomes of \$832.

In the past ten years, Illinois farmers have spread more than 5,000,000 tons of limestone which came to them from commercial quarries.

Dusting Methods and Machines to be Demonstrated in Chatham

Plans are now under way for the holding of one or two dusting demonstrations in Chatham county. At these demonstrations, the latest methods and machinery will be used. It is planned to have the two-row, four-row, saddle guns and hand dusters in operation.

If present plans are carried out, there will probably be two of these demonstrations, one in the eastern part of the county and one in the western part of the county.

Chatham Facing Serious Shortage of Feed Crops

Farmers in this county are beginning the new year with a very small supply of roughage saved this summer on hand. The decreased acreage in small grains this fall will serve to intensify this shortage.

To properly supply its 4500 dairy cows with legume roughage, farmers in this county need to seed larger acreages than ever in soy beans, clovers and other legumes. To properly take care of the pasture requirements for these same cows, Chatham needs 4500 acres in prepared pastures.

Last year, Chatham seeded between 2500 and 3000 acres in soy beans. When we take into consideration the fact that a large portion of this hay was fed to work stock and

other forms of livestock rather than the dairy cow, we can readily see that some cows were forced to depend on tops, fodder or meadow hay for their roughage.

Chatham County Want Ad Farm Column; WANTED 1000 Chatham farmers to seed 2000 acres in Lepedeza in 1930.

150 dairymen to seed at least an acre of prepared pastures.

Farmers in five communities to improve the breeding of their cows through the use of bulls of better-type and higher production.

One farmer in each township of the county to conduct a boll weevil dusting demonstration in cooperation with the County Agent and the Extensic Entomologist. Five hundred farmers to fight the boll weevil with the dust poison method.

Fifty farmers to seed at least an acre of sweet clover each properly limed and inoculated.

Twenty-five farmers to seed at least an acre of alfalfa each.

God Made Your

House, Young Friend

Have you seen Mr. Turtle? If you disturb him he will pull himself inside and close the doors and lock them on the inside. We think him a queer creature because he lives in his house all the time and carries it about with him.

Truly this is a wonderful house God has given us to live in, to carry around, and to do our work for us! Let's not forget that the body is only the house we live in. One second after a person moves out of his "earthly house," the eyes can't see because it really isn't the eyes that see. They are just the lenses through which the person looked.

If any one should try it would take a long time to tell all the wonders of this house we live in. It has a heating plant to keep it warm. It has a system of canals to carry food, done up in red packages, around to the hungry muscles.

Such a wonderful complicated house, so well equipped, was planned by our Heavenly Father. Just as you can learn how skillful a man is by looking at some piece of work he has done, so you can learn somewhat of our Heavenly Father's wisdom and power and loving forethought by studying the marvelous house you live in.

Long skirts are coming back, but very slowly. The girls are going to fight to the last stitch.—Chicago Tribune.

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