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Editorials

The youthful president of Chicago University, who recently spoke upon the "Utopian University" at Chapel Hill, announces that his university will initiate the policy of giving degrees on the basis of achievement. If a youth can complete a college course in six months, let him have his degree, is the idea. If a fellow never achieves the learning that a man with a degree should have let him do without a degree. The writer discovered long ago that one may have not ten but forty talents as compared with the average. It was his policy as a teacher to load such students sufficiently to tax their powers and save them from the fate of the old-time valedictorian who had loafed through school and thus unfitted himself for a really successful career. A half-dozen students stand out in this former teacher's mind as the exceptional among hundreds. And at college he recognized the exceptional man, but too often saw him practically spoiled by loafing through. It will be fine when the brilliant mind is turned loose to achieve. The Chicago man is really getting back to earlier practices. There would have been no Bryant writing Thanatopsis at 18 years of age, no Pitt or Fox startling the staid English parliament at 20 years of age, if those geniuses had been harnessed up with ordinary intellectual asses.

A printer and an editor 75 miles apart, the one concerned primarily with the appearance of his product and the other with the sense of his articles, do not always match up. For instance, the editor's heading for the Thompson School reunion didn't fit the printer's type, and the resulting heading had no sense in it. As the Thompson School has been dead a third of a century, it was hardly possible to hold a reunion at the school. Our printing arrangement would be ideal if the mails weren't too slow to allow for passage back and forth of proofs. This writer can see needs for revisions in his writings when they come in short lines of print when he simply does not see them in the type-writer script, not to speak of the errors an untrained proof-reader lets get by.

There are those who take to themselves credit for having financial sense, while little fellows who have never devoted themselves to money-making or never got the "breaks" are generally accounted as financial idiots. But year by year, month by month, it develops that these financial wise-acs have been the biggest fools of all. The broken banks of Florida and of western North Carolina result from booms whose foundations might have been recognized by any fool as quick sand. Once there was a scheme of paying for a barrel of flour, for instance, and getting a certain number of tickets to be sold for a

dollar each, each ticket allowing the buyer to act similarly. The scheme worked finely till the flour-buying population had bogged, but the last and biggest bunch had nobody to sell their tickets to. Yet the scheme was just as practicable as that evolved during the land booms throughout the country, which the merest tyro might have seen would result in a final collapse because of lack of an inexhaustible supply of suckers. Yet these great bankers, those wise BUSINESS men, loaned the good money of their depositors on such vaulted securities. Count the wrecks, institutional and individual, if you can. Twenty-two banks in western North Carolina at one swoop will be a good starting point.

Mussolini prefers to build houses for the Italians rather than war vessels, but says that the way to prevent war is to be able to preserve peace. Seems that we have heard something like that before. If George Brewer, our nearest neighbor, should erect an arsenal on his hill in order to preserve peace with us, we should be tempted to get a cannon to be tempted to get a cannon and load it with about sixty shingle blocks and bang away, even if he does have a little the advantage in the height of his hill.

Mr. W. E. Brooks has given us a copy of the Raleigh Register of March 28, 1849. It is interesting for what is in it and for what is not in it. Four pages, with the first page devoted entirely to advertising of a kind scarcely recognized today, and carrying several solid columns of addresses about the building of the North Carolina Railroad, would be considered poor newspapering by readers of even the Chatham Record. Here it goes to the library of Elon College, which was non-existent then. If the older colleges haven't a copy of the issue it is their fault.

Hurrah for Judge Meekins, who again sits down heavy upon the demand of the three attorneys for \$75,000 for throwing the Tobacco Coops. into a receivership. Now let him guard the farmers' money when it comes to paying the receivers, who have not yet been caught neglecting their own business to attend to the receivership, though their agents have served the interests of the Association with real efficiency. But 10,000 others could have done just about as well, and no part-time job should be rewarded with the income of the average business man for twenty years. We sometimes dislike to see men who make big money, even that of a Federal judge, have it within their power to distribute other folk's money—they have so often lost the due sense of proportion.

When one learns of the frequent failure of banks in other sections, he feels like congratulating the officials of the banks of this county upon the fine record they have made. It can hardly be doubted that the people of Chatham county have borne the brunt of the hard times of the state for the last six years. Till this year, the crops for six had not averaged more than a half-crop, we should judge. It has been estimated that the county is short, at the prices at which cotton sold, two million dollars on the shortage of the cotton crop, based upon the 1923 production, and Chatham is a small cotton producer at best. For

two years scarcely corn enough to feed the chickens of the county was made, and this year, while the crop average much better, the price and the general depression have come to the distress of the people. Yet traveling salesmen have said that Chatham is better off than many counties that have made several good crops during our period of half-crops. Moreover, despite all this, the banks of the county are apparently as safe and strong as ever. Their officials are to be congratulated, also the people who through their wise management have been saved from additional calamities.

The death of Dr. Cy Thompson of Onslow county last week removed one of the most brilliant men of his generation as well as one of the most unique characters. Space will not suffice us to give a sketch of Dr. Thompson, but younger readers of the Record should take this opportunity to read elsewhere or to get some one to tell them of the career of this country doctor.

It is an important task that the commissioners have, the new board, to choose men for the revaluation of real estate. The county supervisor, in particular, should be a man of the finest kind of judgement, able to consider all the factors that go to give value to or detract from the value of land.

Governor Gardner is to be congratulated upon his expressed purpose not to pardon or parole any prisoner convicted of violation of the banking laws. That is fine, but it would have been good, too, if it seems to the Record, to have withheld pardon or parole from Edward Kemp Strickland, the buck who was convicted in this county of bringing a Durham girl down to Moncure, time after time, for immoral purposes, and convicted also of possessing liquor. However, nobody in Chatham, where the parties were unknown, took any interest in the case, and Durham people knew little or nothing about it. Anyway, Strickland is free.

Items of Interest From Over State

Raleigh, Nov. 24.—Richmond county's highway system embraces a total of 461 miles, of which 4.7 miles is unimproved, 70.1 miles is graded, 386.2 miles is sandclay or gravel and none is hardsurfaced, according to the recent survey made for Governor Gardner's experts by the district highway engineers. These figures are actual and are generally less than those shown in replies to Chairman R. A. Doughton's question a few months ago. In addition, Richmond county has 102.2 miles which is being maintained as a part of the State highway system.

The State highway system at this date embraces 9,040 1/2 miles, probably 60 per cent of which is hardsurfaced, which includes oil gravel and sandclay. The 100 counties have a total of 45,092 miles, of which 912.7 miles are hardsurfaced, 14,223.6 miles are topsoil or gravel, 18,089.55 miles are graded and 11,865.95 miles are improved, the survey shows.

The State Highway Commission is making a set of maps of the 100 counties which show the State highways, the four grades of county highway, all towns and cities, consolidated schools and streams, from these surveys, and will present each county with its map. Many of the counties have never had a complete highway map before.

Chairman Foughton estimates that the State commission could maintain the 100 county road systems as well as they are now maintained at about 75 percent of the present cost of \$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000 or for about \$6,000,000, if the State should take them over. The extra one cent tax on gasoline amounts to about \$2,500,000, the additional \$500,000 allotted giving \$3,000,000 to the counties. If one cent more were added to gasoline, making the tax six cents a gallon, the county roads could be taken care of entirely in addition to care for the State system, it is figured.

But automobile owners will strenuously oppose any addition to the gasoline tax on the ground that they are paying enough already. Such addition would endanger the more than \$100,000,000 in State highway bonds the gasoline tax is pledged to pay off as they fall due, some officials argue.

Officers of the N. C. Tax Relief Association, including Larry L. Moore, New Bern, president, J. Frazier Glenn, Asheville, secretary, and members of the executive committee appeared before Governor Gardner last Friday to present a

Adults Contract Children's Diseases

Adults can, and do, contract many children's diseases. And, usually, they suffer from them much more than children do. For instance, many adults contract worms, an ailment usually associated with children. Sometimes they suffer intensely and take expensive medical treatments, without realizing that worms are the cause of their troubles. Yet, the symptoms are the same as in children, loss of appetite and weight, grinding the teeth and restless sleep, itching of the nose and anus, and abdominal pains. And, the same medicine that surely and harmlessly expels round and pin worms from children will do the same for adults — White's Cream Vermifuge, which you can get at Pittsboro Drug Co. Adv.

petition asking that he call a special session of the General Assembly in December to consider that matter of tax relief, particularly with reference to the member to consider the matter of tax relief, particularly with reference to the revaluation of real estate for the next four years, which begins in January.

The contention of the officials Please turn to page five

CONDUCTOR COMPELLED TO CHASE OWN TRAIN

Perhaps Conductor A. B. Cheatham, of Rocky Mount, hereafter will have a tenderer feeling for poor, puffing, perspiring pedestrians chasing choo-choo trains.

Conductor Cheatham chased his own choo-choo out of the station there a few days ago, according to a dispatch from Rocky Mount.

The engineer was too quick on the throttle and when A. C. L. train 84 pulled away, there was Conductor Cheatham two blocks in arrears, panting after.

The error was discovered in time, however, and Conductor Cheatham climbed aboard.

LEE G. McIVER TAKES OWN LIFE AT SANFORD

Lee G. McIver, 54, one of Sanford's leading business men, shot himself Monday night, death following about one hour later. The shooting took place in the office of the Lee Furniture Company, Sanford, of which he was secretary-treasurer and manager, just after a meeting of the board of directors of the company which, it is stated, was harmonious and pleasant.

Mr. McIver had been active in civic affairs, although he had not been in good health for some time.

He is survived by his wife and three sons. Funeral services were held in Sanford Wednesday afternoon.

HITCH-HIKER HAS A VERY TRAGIC ENDING

A journey to see something of the world which two young boys started on two weeks ago with happy anticipations, came to a tragic ending at Sanford last Thursday afternoon when Alexander LaJoie, age 18, of Haverhill, Mass., succumbed at Central Carolina Hospital.

LaJoie and a companion, Edmun Lambert, also of Haverhill, were hitch-hiking on freight trains to secure work. While riding between cars on a Seaboard Air Line train at a point near Vass, LaJoie lost his balance and fell. The car wheels cut off his arm and other injuries were such that he died soon after reaching the hospital where he was taken at once.

The dead youth appears to have been a fine, clean-cut young fellow as does his companion who tells apparently a straight tale, regarding the trip which ended so disastrously. The young man is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Philip LaJoie.

of Haverhill, and several brothers and sisters. The remains were sent to Haverhill for interment accompanied by young Lambeth.

REDUCE FREIGHT RATE ON TOBACCO

The Atlantic Coast Line and the Norfolk-Southern railroads have filed petitions with the Interstate Commerce Commission for the reduction of freight rates on unmanufactured tobacco, the change to take effect as soon as possible. The reduction will amount to around 30 per cent, it is understood, and is in competition with motor trucks. The new schedule would effect all ports and cities manufacturing tobacco.

CASUALTY ROLL

North Carolina's highway casualty list for the first ten months of 1930 as reported by the motor vehicle division of the State Department of Revenue:

Killed, 553.
Injured, 3,770.

The total number of wrecks serious enough to add to the casualty list for the ten months was 2,695.

October was a near-record month, boosting the totals with 70 killed and 417 injured. In September the death list was 54 and the injured roll was 393. There were 306 serious wrecks reported during October.

Seaboard to Handle Prepaid Ticket Orders

Effective December 1st, the Seaboard Air Line Railway will establish the handling of prepaid ticket orders, which will prove a

great convenience to the traveling public who desire railroad and pullman tickets to be furnished to their relatives, friends, sons, and daughters, such as students attending school who desire to return home for the holidays and it will be possible to purchase a prepaid order from any Seaboard ticket agent and the purchaser mailing same direct to the person to whom the ticket will be furnished or the railroad will gladly arrange to handle by telegraph or telephone under certain conditions.

This arrangement also provides for the furnishing of a limited amount of cash and arranging pullman transportation and should prove very attractive to the numerous people who desire tickets wired to their friends, relatives, etc.

You cannot buy wisdom abroad if there is none at home.—Russian proverb.

James Curran of Chicago was badly beaten by four boys when he discovered one of them trying to steal his golf ball.

Christmas Cards \$1.00
Ten Beautiful Christmas Cards that sell from Fifteen to Twenty-five Cents Each. With Envelopes. Cards that are Distinctive and Different. Send Money Order or Check. **MARYLAND CARD CO.** 2622 Huntingdon Ave. Baltimore, Md.

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NOTICE TO Delinquent Tax Payers

TAKE NOTICE—All persons who have not settled in full for taxes for the year 1929 and prior, will please come forward and settle the same before December 1, 1930.

We will have to advertise all property on which taxes are due for the year 1929. Therefore, we trust that you will make full settlement before the above mentioned date and save the cost and embarrassment of being advertised.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS MATTER, I AM
YOURS VERY TRULY
G. W. Blair
SHERIFF CHATHAM COUNTY