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Bob Warren says that 20 years is a short time in the life of an idea. We've noticed that in the joke columns.—Dallas News.

Some who were self-made men five years ago are having to do a lot of reconstruction work.—Arkansas Gazette.

But it would seem that it should be easy to make an honest living—there's so little competition.—Thomas (Ga.) Times.

Infant Mortality

Current issue of the Health Bulletin, published monthly by the North Carolina state bureau of health, shows that the number of infant deaths in North Carolina for the first six months of 1934 exceeded by 600 the figures for the corresponding period of 1933. For the first six months of 1933 there were 3,092 children in North Carolina who died under one year of age. From January to July this year there were 3,693 infant deaths.

Not being an authority on health, we are not going into a discussion of the myriads of causes for infant deaths and especially the increase, but we do pause to wonder why the death rate increased instead of decreased. Medical facilities are better this year than last and are improving steadily all the time. Then it must have been the fault of fathers and mothers—and in many cases their poverty—which caused this increase.

Commenting on the infant death rate, the Health Bulletin makes this statement:

"Three thousand six hundred and ninety-three homes already made desolate this year. One of the causes: Three or four generations of undeserved poverty with its resultant ignorance and misery. And yet the state of North Carolina contributes more per capita in cash revenue to the federal government than any other state in the union. Nearly twice as much as the great state of New York, almost four times as much as Massachusetts, three times as much as Illinois, much more than three times as much as California, and more than four times as much as Michigan. Four times as much as Pennsylvania and more than four and one-half times as much as Ohio. Every one of those states draw tribute through commerce from all the earth. Every one of them has personal and corporate wealth which far overshadows our cigarette and textile industries. But we pay for the fiddling, and we are paying it with our children's blood."

Leadership Among Children

The newly formed organization called the Students' Activities Association in the North Wilkesboro high school should attract the interest of educators throughout the county.

It places on the shoulders of members of the student body the responsibility of managing the extra curricula activities, at all times under the supervision of school authorities and discipline.

The main benefits derived from the plan will be the development of the children in initiative, leadership and the ability to accept and carry responsibility. In addition to the above mentioned benefits the children will gain training in civics, dramatics, music, athletics, and other activities of their own choosing. They will organize clubs featuring various kinds of work and they will be free to accept any club for which they have a liking.

They elect their own officers according to their own opinions. They select their leaders on the basis of leadership qualities that crop out in the home room and the entire school. On one person is conferred the honor and responsibility of being president of the student body.

It has nothing to do with the much discussed system of student government and should not be confused with any thought of student self-discipline.

We offer the suggestion—for whatever it may be worth—that other schools adopt this or a similar plan.

Students who acquire leadership in high school will keep it through college, and after they get out "on their own" in the school of life and experience.

Three Important Factors

When you drive an automobile there are three definite factors to be considered if the utmost in safety is to be had—the highway, the care and yourself.

Of the three, the last is by far the most important to consider, but let's first give the first two a passing thought.

Last month in North Carolina there were 77 killed and 650 injured in automobile accidents. These fatalities certainly could not be attributed to the highways since the roads are being made safer all the time.

Automobiles are better equipped than ever before to promote safety. It is true that the speeding machines can swoop across the country faster than ever, but there are better brakes, better lights and better everything for the driver's use.

Thus, we consider the last and most important factor—the driver. He has the better roads and better automobiles. The safeguards that the government and the automobile manufacturers have placed around motoring cannot be sufficient to prevent fatalities if drivers are unreasonable and are possessed of the speed bug and a determination to take a chance in getting a thrill or getting nowhere fast.

If an automobile is made to be reasonably safe at a speed of fifty miles per hour on our modern highways, it means that many of us will drive sixty and seventy miles per hour just to take a chance and get a thrill.

Just because our modern automobiles will make eighty miles an hour, it is not a mandate that we should drive that fast. How often we have heard some speed bug ask a car owner: "How much have you made in it?" Perhaps he will answer he has "had it to sixty" or some such expression, and the other will assume a superior mein and tell how he has driven such-and-such a car at eighty. We venture to assert that most people who have 'had their car to eighty' were going nowhere in particular and would have lost nothing by driving at a reasonable rate.

The Book

the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains four great treasures.

By BRUCE BARTON

PAUL VISITS ATHENS

Paul was a doughty fighter and he had good need to be. He and Barnabas were now ready to start on another missionary journey and a longer one. But they had a quarrel. Paul would not go if Mark went along, and Barnabas would not leave Mark behind.

And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other; and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;

And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

Paul did not get on very well. He met a series of hindrances and changed his route several times. At length he came to Troas, the site of ancient Troy, where he fell ill and saw in a vision a man of Macedonia, saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Read carefully the next sentence (Acts 16:10); it is notable for its pronouns:

And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia. Where do we get this we? Who is it that comes into the narrative just at this point, under shelter of this little word "we"? It is the physician-author, Doctor Luke.

From here on the book of Acts is made up of two kinds of material, that which says "we" and that which says "he" or "they." The "we" sections show the times when Luke was present; the rest of the story he got from others.

And now the good news took on a new character. Paul had crossed into Europe and found a fresh field. He preached in Philippi, in Thessalonica, which is modern Salonica, in Berea, and even in proud Athens. That sophisticated city was the capital of the smart world.

For the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.

Partly out of curiosity, partly from genuine intellectual interest, the Athenians allowed Paul to make his way up to Mars Hill and there set forth this new religion of which he was the representative. It was a keen test of his mental agility and he met it nobly.

Ye men of Athens (he began), I perceive that in all things ye are very religious. (Nothing in that to give offense).

For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

A magnificent flank attack. Sophisticated and cynical as they were, he had piqued their curiosity. They must hear about this unknown God or run the risk of missing some important "new thing," so they stood quietly and allowed him to finish.

Huey Long almost makes us regret the Louisiana purchase.—American Lumberman.

The nation learns with interest that its interest bill has been reduced.—Greensboro News.

A man has been found who remembers Dr. Wirt, although we can't remember at the moment just who Dr. Wirt was.—Buffalo Times.

Local Grid Team Again Has Tough Luck and Loses To Lenoir 7 to 6

GROWS LARGE OKRA

Charles C. Staley, resident of North Wilkesboro route 2, claims the championship for growing okra in these parts. He brought to The Journal-Patriot office Friday some okra pods 12 inches in length. The stalk from which the pods were taken were six feet in height.

Wilkesboro Drops First Grid Game

Mocksville Gets Break and Blanks Wilkes Team By Score of 18 to 0

Mocksville ran rough shod over Wilkesboro on the former's field to win a wild football game by an 18 to 0 score Friday.

This was the first game for the Wilkesboro team and the boys were about evenly matched and played football on an almost even basis with the exception of the third quarter when Mocksville received the ball on a kick-off and ran about eighty yards for the first touchdown.

This seemed to have a demoralizing effect on the Wilkesboro boys and for the remainder of the game they were ineffective.

The next game for Wilkesboro will be against Lansing at Lansing Friday afternoon.

Wilkesboros Send Delegates To P. T. A. District Meeting

The Parent-Teacher associations of the Wilkesboros were represented at the district meeting held in Mount Airy Thursday. Those serving as delegates from this city were Mesdames Eugene Olive, W. H. Clark and T. A. Finley, while those going from Wilkesboro were Mesdames J. W. White, Otto Whittington and Julius Hubbard.

An unusually fine meeting was held and many fine thoughts pertaining to Parent-Teacher work were developed. Attendance was the largest at any district meeting held in a number of years.

DUKE'S ENROLLMENT PASSES 3,000 MARK

Durham, Oct. 5.—With the opening of the Duke university school of medicine, the school of nursing, and the school of dietetics, final enrollment figures for the beginning of the fall semester have been tallied, showing for the first time in the university's history a student body of more than 3,000 students.

JUST TO REMIND YOU

That we have some of the policies mailed to members of the Keins-Sturdivant Burial Association returned on account of incomplete or wrong address, and we hope that you will drop us a card or stop in at the office and see the secretary if you have failed to receive yours.

We certainly appreciate the way most of you have taken care of the statements mailed you on Oct. 1st, and trust that those who have not seen us will do so by the 15th.

Most sincerely,
MADGE L. STURDIVANT,
Secretary

Why Hospitals Use a Liquid Laxative

Hospitals and doctors have always used liquid laxatives. And the public is fast returning to laxatives in liquid form. Do you know the reasons?

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Margin of Extra Point Means Victory For Caldwell County Team

North Wilkesboro high school football team, light and inexperienced but fast and scrappy, lost a heart breaking game again Friday afternoon by a score of 7 to 6, this time against the far heavier team at Lenoir high.

The teams see-sawed across the field for the first three quarters with Lenoir holding the edge over the locals. In the third quarter Houck, big Lenoir fullback, drove 22 yards to the one yard line and the next play scored. Houck place kicked for the extra point which made the game a victory instead of a tie.

Then the Mountain Lions went after their meat and, led by Hubbard, marched 80 yards on a series of passes, and line plays to score. Hubbard charged around left end for 35 yards to cross the line but his pass to Linney for the extra point was broken up.

Despite the fact that Lenoir had the heavier and better seasoned team and made 16 first downs to North Wilkesboro's three, the North Wilkesboro boys played with a grim determination and were invincible in their efforts to score in the last minutes of the game.

Lucama Farmer Is Killed By Auto; Three Are Held

Lucama, Oct. 4.—Wilson county's second fatality in 48 hours and its 10th automobile mishap since Sunday occurred near here yesterday when Paul Lamm, 55, a Black Creek farmer, was run down and instantly killed.

Three boys, Clayton Skinner, Hugh Lamm, said to be no relation to the deceased, and May H. Bass, all under 20, were later arrested and placed in jail at Wilson in default of \$1,000 bail each on charges of manslaughter.

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Parent-Teacher Month

Governor Ehringhaus has issued a proclamation designating and declaring the month from October 15th to November 15th as "Parent-Teacher Month" in North Carolina, earnestly requesting all schools to hold special exercises, to be participated in by parents and instructors during the month "for the discussion of ways and means of improving the work of these associations and the worth-whileness of our educational enterprises." Governor Ehringhaus

points out that these organizations have rendered valuable service to schools and asks sympathetic observance of the month.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

During the past few days licenses to wed were issued from the office of the register of deeds to two couples: Irvin Fishburn, of North Wilkesboro, and Faye Daney, of Wilbar; Hilary Souther, of Spurgeon, and Letha Souther, of Union Grove.

VALUABLE PRIZES GIVEN AWAY



Enter This Easy, Amusing Contest. Here's a contest that's really fun! What did Mickey say to Minnie? You'll enjoy thinking up a clever answer. And what do you get for it, besides the fun? You get a marvelous opportunity to win a colorful Congoleum Gold Seal Rug—your own choice of color and pattern—in our store contest! Our prizes are genuine Congoleum Gold Seal Rugs—the favorite floor-covering of millions of women because of their beauty and labor-saving quality. Water-proof, you know—so no scrubbing. Clean with just a mop!

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We will enter in the National Mickey Mouse Contest the "Mickey Mouse Answer" which wins First Prize in our Store Contest. This gives you an opportunity to win one of the five new Ford V-8's offered as Grand National Prizes!

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