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### MURFREESBORO SUFFERS LOSS

Murfreesboro has suffered a complete loss for a College town. In one week two of the most beloved business concerns have closed.

Mike's Cafe, where the town folk and College girls went for refreshments and refills is no more. The manager left for a larger field, so to speak. The Howell Theater gave its last struggle Tuesday evening, May 7. The College girls were present to the end. Murfreesboro has not yet realized what a blow its development has received.

Trade is invaluable to the life of a town. People like to exchange money for food and amusement. The merchants have not yet felt the effects of their bereavement but soon they will be awakened. Neighboring farmers came to town on holidays to see the movies and get supper at the cafe. Now they have no need to stop in Murfreesboro but will go to a town where they can trade and have a good time too. To be prosperous a town must improve by keeping up all sides of social life.

### ON CAMPUS REPORT

The Chowanian has carried from time to time reports of the work being done by the campus committee. This issue carries a complete report of the work that has been done this year. Some may say, on seeing the report, that it speaks for itself, but no complete impression of the work that has been done can be gained until one has seen some of the results.

In planning for the beauty of the campus, the future has been considered as well as the present. The committee has worked hard and achieved a great deal.

### EITHER, OR; NEITHER, NOR

During the whole of last summer, from April 3 to the middle of October, there was no law in this State under which drunken drivers could be punished. Persons accused of the offense during those dates, who were convicted in the minor courts and who appealed to the Common Pleas judges, are now escaping.

Judge Seufert is turning loose four offenders who appealed here, and the courts in other parts of the State are following his example.

What happened last year was that the Governor, the House, and the Senate blundered inexcusably in framing the new automobile law; turned its meaning upside down by a misuse of the words "neither, nor" and "either, or."

One of the lawyers in Essex County discovered the error soon after it was made and obtained an adjudication favorable to his client. When the Legislature met in October the act was amended, but the change could not be made to operate ex post facto.

Forty years ago, Russell P. Jacoby, then the city editor of The NEWARK EVENING NEWS, exasperated because his young reporters often misused the same words, stood them in line one afternoon and, writing on the wall with charcoal, commanded them to sing, in chorus, what was there inscribed, as follows: "EITHER, OR." "NEITHER, NOR."

For half an hour he kept them at it and then he said: "If anybody turns in copy hereafter saying that 'neither John or his brother Tom was there,' he goes up to Verona (the children's home) for a year."

Whatever else they may have done to the good old English

language, the cubs never thereafter fell into the blunder made last year at Trenton. What a fine thing it would be if Mr. Jacoby were still alive and could be employed to redraft the wretchedly drawn bills that go through the Legislature every year.—The Bergen Record.

### HOMER ON A GARDEN

The following poem written by James Larkin Pearson in his humble little fruit shop in Wilkes County, is pronounced by the Winston-Salem Journal equal to any poem by John Charles McNeill. It says that the poem has appeared in the New York Times, where it attracted the attention and also the praise of some of the leading literary lights of the country:

A sheltered garden in a sheltered land,  
A pleasant seat upon the mossy ground;  
A book of Homer open in my hand,  
And languorous sweet odors all around.

Then suddenly the age fell away;  
My sheltered garden floated off in space;  
And on some lost millenium's bloody day  
I stood with storied Ilium face to face.

The honeysuckle smells that would not fade  
Hung like a ghost above the field of red,  
And every dreaming pansy-face was made  
The likeness of the faces of the dead.

Such wonders were abroad in all the land—  
Such magic did the mighty gods employ—  
That every lily was a Helen's hand,  
And every rose a burning tower of Troy.



International Sunday School Lesson for May 19

### JEREMIAH'S CALL TO OBEDIENCE

Jeremiah 7:1-11, 21-23  
Rev. Samuel D. Price, D. D.

It is good for any discouraged person to spend time with Jeremiah. He had been given a mission. No matter how the people treated the messages that he was sent to deliver, he just came right back at them when least expected. Read the entire chapter and then keep right on through chapter 10; all forms the message which this man presented at this time. You will find that Jeremiah was ahead of his day in the use of parables and object lessons. People always pay more attention to an object or a story that relates to the subject matter than under consideration.

Jeremiah was bold as an ambassador for he was not delivering his own message. In the opening verse today he makes it clear that he had a "word" to present from Jehovah. This should have been enough to make the people stop and listen. The place where the speaker took his stand is interesting. It was at the gate entering into the temple in Jerusalem. No longer were the people but they had not paid any attention thereto, so they must be made to hear the same command again. With this summons there was a promise from Jehovah. If the people would only obey, they could continue in Jerusalem and Judea and not be carried away into captivity, as had been the case with the Northern Ten Tribes.

It may be that the people tried to drown out the voice of Jeremiah with their slogan "The temple of Jehovah," for the very walls had become a kind of fetish. That is the way the people of Ephesus did when they cried for a length of time, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians" at the time of Paul's plain preaching of pertinent truth.

Jeremiah would also use repetition for the sake of emphasis. His word was "thoroughly" as he told them the extent of which they must give up their sins. These sins were named in part, and they have a social relationship. Wrong was being done to "his neighbor, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow." God is always concerned for the defenceless and He wants to make mankind love instead of hate one another. By means of varied kinds of communications this world is indeed a neighborhood, but it is far from being a brotherhood, such as our Jehovah desires.

Plainest language is used in giving a list of customary sins. They were named thieves, murderers, adulterers and makers of lies. There was only one way they could stop such things. It was not by offering more sacrifices. Plain going therein to learn what they should do, that they might practice the truths in their lives. Now Jeremiah tries to make them think rightly about the temple as a place of worship and not regard it as a kind of a talisman which would be as a charming to enable them to go out and do just as they pleased.

"Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place." Yes, that is just what he had said before. They were reminded of the loving command that had been given when they were being called out of Egyptian slavery. It was "Hearken unto my voice." The call of Jeremiah was none other than a renewal of this Voice from the Throne. It was about the last call that would be given, and yet it was too late. Right now they must "Amend your ways thoroughly." A like urgent call, coupled with a blessed promise comes to every present day sinner. If and when we will meet the conditions, and they are reasonable, God will fully do His part in keeping the covenant.

### REPORT OF MEET OF BUILDING AND GROUND COMMITTEE

Results of Year's Work Is Given At the Meeting Held On Sixth of May

The Buildings and Grounds Committee, consisting of Mrs. W. B. Edwards, chairman; Mrs. E. B. Vaughan, Miss Lou Willeford, Mrs. J. M. Sewell, and Mr. J. G. Liverman, met at the home of Mrs. Edwards on May 6 to report the results of the year's work as follows:

**Cash Contributions**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Edwards, \$7.00; Miss Minnie W. Caldwell, \$1.50; Miss Inez Matthews, \$1.00; Miss Forrest DeLano, \$1.00; Miss Lou Willeford, \$1.00; Mrs. E. B. Vaughan, \$1.00; Miss Mary Whitney, \$1.00; Miss Newell Mason, \$1.00; Freshman Class, Maggie Boone, \$1.00; Virginia Stanley, \$1.00; Isabel Hemby, \$1.00; Estelle Coley, \$1.00; Callie Patrick, \$1.00; Mary Stanley, \$1.00; Rachel Albritton, \$1.00; Lillian DeLoache, 50c; Irma Leigh Wynn \$1.00; Annie Ballard Herring, 50c; Baugham Gray, \$1.00; Evelyn Earley, \$1.00; miscellaneous,

\$2.00; total, \$13.00; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Clary, Valentines, Va., \$2.00; Mr. Jack Jenkins, Aulander, N. C., \$1.00; Baptist Bible Class (to be used for gravel) \$3.53; Me-

herrin Bible Class (to be used for gravel), \$4.00; Phillips-Lewis Company, Richmond, Va., \$16.17; from sale of Christmas cards, \$16.50; total cash receipts, \$70.70.

**Cash Disbursements**  
To Mr. Sewell for hauling gravel, \$8.00; to T. D. Watkins for services landscape gardener, \$40.00; to Geo. Tait & Sons for seed, sweetpeas, \$1.25; fox glove, 10c; snapdragon, 10c; nasturtium, 15c; gaillardia, 20c; total, \$1.80; for labor, \$11.65; for paint, \$3.88; for wire for sweetpeas, \$3.36; total disbursements, \$68.69. Balance cash on hand, \$2.01.

### Contributions to Campus Shrubs, Plants, Etc.

Methodist Bible Class, 8 loads gravel for pine drive; Mrs. U. Vaughan, purple crepe myrtle, fern, century plant, periwinkle; Miss Lizzie Payne, Scotch broom; Mrs. C. E. Martin, fern; Mrs. W. C. Ferguson, wandering Jew; white, yellow and bronze chrysanthemums, poppies, pussy willow; Mrs. D. A. Day, yellow jasmine; Mrs. Geo. Underwood, shrub (flowering peach); Mrs. R. J. Britton, spirea, althea, mint; Mrs. Beasley, "Snow-on-the-mountain" and "Bird of Paradise," white chrysanthemum; Mrs. J. W. Crew, Pleasant Hill, Dorothy Perkins roses, butterfly bush; J. B. Watkins & Brother, Richmond, Va., 12 choice rose plants, valued at \$6.20; Mrs. Gibbs, Norfolk, Va., forsythia, Chinese honeysuckle; State Department of Agriculture, 500 long-leaf pine seedlings; donation, 10 barrels for refuse painted and placed on campus; 30 rose plants rooted.

### Contributions to Buildings

Mrs. A. W. H. Jones, centerpiece for hall table; from the Missionary societies of Severn and Woodland, and the merchants of Conway, through efforts of Mrs. A. W. H. Jones, for the infirmary, 6 large plates, 24 small plates, 6 cups and saucers, 6 cereal bowls, 6 soup bowls, 12 small dishes, 6 knives and forks, 6 large spoons, 6 small spoons, 6 pepper and salts, 6 teapots, sugar, cream sets, 1 glass pitcher, 4 trays, 1 wash basin, 1 combinet, 1 sanette, 9 sheets, 12 small towels, 5 large towels, 11 sheets, 4 tray cloths, 1 small hot water bottle, 6 double blankets.

### Contributions to Buildings

Miss Minnie W. Caldwell, paint for classroom blackboards; Miss Lou Willeford, paint for floor and furniture of nurse's room; society halls, curtains of Lucalians dyed and pressed, curtains of Alathenians cleaned and pressed, floors of both waxed; Annie B. Herring and Julia Downs, varnish for one

room; Ann Downey and Ruby Daniel, varnish for one room; Junior Tea Room, furniture upholstered and painted and new draperies hung; Miss Willie D. Halsell, painted furniture in room; Miss Mary Whitney, painted furniture in room; Miss Lizzie Payne, painted furniture in room.

### Work Done On the Campus During the Year

Five hundred long-leaf pine seedlings place, shrubs placed around President's home, Vann cottage, Hope cottage, Administration Building, East Building, Love cottage, Concrete cottage; raven cleaned; 12 choice rose plants set out; seeds planted for spring and fall use; garage built at President's home; two old dilapidated buildings removed back of President's home; campus thoroughly cleaned.

The committee is grateful to all those who have contributed in every way in making the work of this year a success. The committee is grateful to the faculty, the town ladies, and the Home Economics girls for their aid in hemming dining room doilies; to the faculty and friends who bought Christmas cards; and to Paul Lee, Abe Vinson, and Wallace Revelle for their aid in beautifying the

campus.  
MRS. W. B. EDWARDS, Chairman.  
MRS. SEWELL, Secretary.

On Monday a certain Chowan girl received from a certain Wake Forest boy the following message: Dear, I'm sorry I made you cry, but you face is cleaner now.

Dr. Eggleston while questioning a freshman as to his entrance requirements asked him concerning his English ability, received the following reply: "Well, sir, I ain't never made but one mistake in me life, and I seen it when I done it and set rite down and corrected myself."

Miss Carroll: Are you sure this essay is entirely original?  
Grace Stillman: Well, not entirely, you may be able to find one or two of the words in the dictionary.

Callie P.: This clock of mine will run two days without being wound.

Martha B.: How long will it run if wound?

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