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## STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN

Five persons were killed in Charlotte Easter Sunday when their car was struck by a railroad train.

When an automobile driver comes to a railroad crossing, the responsibility for getting across the tracks safely is entirely his. The railroad can erect warning signals and instruct engineers to exercise all possible caution; but, in the very nature of things, it is up to the motorist to see that the way is clear before he proceeds.

Somehow this obvious fact doesn't seem to be registering on the minds of American motorists as well as it ought. For the Safety Section of the Association of American Railroads reveals that more people were killed in grade crossing accidents last year than in any year since 1931.

Part of this increase—which brought 1,786 grade crossing casualties—is probably due to the fact that, with recovery, there were more motorists on the roads last year than for half a dozen years. But most of it must be done due to plain carelessness.

## STRAWS SHOW HOW THE WIND BLOWS

Washington hears and believes that the heads of the Government are alarmed about rising commodity costs; that there is also a great deal of uneasiness over the return of inflationary and speculative tendencies, writes J. E. Jones, The Pilot's Washington correspondent. These "ups" and "downs" of the stock market may continue to fool the sucker-buyers, but when the heaviest selling of Government bonds in sixteen years occurred on the market recently, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System met promptly with Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau. At the close of the session the questioners were assured—after the 1929 mode, that "there is no cause for alarm."

Living costs are among the various increases, and it is at least reasonable to accept a popular belief of economists in the Administration that the present trend of price levels is an "unhealthy development."

The President in his recent fireside chat made a significant statement when he said that "recovery is speeding up to a point where the dangers of 1929 are again becoming possible, not this week or month, perhaps, but within a year or two."

Another circumstance that may turn out to be bar-b-wire is the active market for metals and various kinds of war materials, growing out of the continued war-craze in Europe.

By taking these facts and coupling them together with industrial and human conditions the wonder arises as to why great masses of our people who were crying for work a year or two ago now go wild with strike excitement and weaken the forces of recovery by aiding in the upset of normal economic conditions. They seem to forget that our industries must be prosperous in order to spread employment.

We can easily understand why people who have been unemployed for months, or years, are complaining, because they have no jobs, and are living on relief. That is entirely different and they are entitled to kick against their luck.

Moral: Watch your step!

## STAY SOUTH, YOUNG MAN

The following editorial in the Watertown (N. Y.) Times of March 2th, may be of interest to people here from the northern states.

Those who have sojourned in the South this winter are now beginning

to turn North and one by one we see them arriving home and in many in the North Countrytaoin cases facing disappointment. For in the North Country there is snow on the ground. There is snow in the air. Some of the coldest weather known this winter is being experienced right now. And, alas, to those who have not seen the season through it is far more penetrating cold than is felt by those who remained at home, and whose blood has been thickened to withstand it. But how difficult when the sun shines, when the flowers are nodding, when the skies are a tender blue, not to believe that such must be the manner of weather elsewhere—or almost like that. And sometimes wanting a thing very much nearly persuades the individual that he can expect to have it.

Yet this does not hold with weather. And no matter how much that Watertown resident lately returned from the South may have wished it, he was obliged to put his car into a garage in Utica, and come the rest of the distance by train. Those who go South in November naturally begin to grow restless as the months stretch out. They think of home. They dwell upon the duties that need to be performed there. Because Easter comes early this year that is another reason why it would seem that Spring should do likewise. Yet the ground never warms as rapidly as the calendar augurs.

No, it would seem that the visitors to the South are bound to be disappointed unless they plan to go later in the Winter and remain longer in the Spring. For here in the North Country that capricious maiden cannot be hurried.

## Grains of Sand

North and south bound passengers stepping off in the Sandhills and desiring accommodations have had great difficulty in the last week in securing rooms of any description, as they have been at a premium in the big hotel down to the most modest boarding house. A bus-load of travelers made every effort to find a location for the night and finally sought the aid of the police, only to be told that they could not be taken care of, so went on further south. From the number of cars crowded in about the hotels and streets you wonder if guests are not stacked several deep in some places at this minute.

Along comes another bit of advice from a noted educator, Dr. Marcus Noble, former dean of the university, says at the age of 82: "If I were a young man today, starting out for myself, I'm quite sure I would stay in the South." He sums up climatic conditions, natural advantages, our rapid growth and multiplying industries as factors that are worth serious consideration for the young men of today tying in with a future.

Looking over a long list of authors who hail by the dozens from the southern states and who have won everything from modest recognition to notable prizes for literature it seems as if the unproductive Sahara is no longer a barren land but one that offers a serious challenge to any section of the United States.

The swallows that have a way of turning up year after year on the same day at the monasteries in Southern California with regularity and precision, according to set dates in the calendar, have much in common with the small boy. How either one of them knows just when to send a dangling kite up into the air or draw innumerable rings in the sand that indicate a marble game or set sail for a foreign port is a double mystery. The small boy and the bird mark the seasons with an interesting accuracy.


The opening blossoms of the long-leaf pine, ranging in color from purple to shades of rose, are something that command a lot of attention at this particular time. The redbud, or judas tree, with the red naples, dot the landscape with lavish color. The wild plum thickets in the hedgerow delight the eye. The dogwood buds are opening and will soon cover the village and countryside with its showy whiteness.

The local trees, as Nature gets ready, put on something of a spectacular show.

The churches of the community were filled to capacity last Sunday, with several of them called on to put extra chairs where space permitted in order to accommodate the Easter throng of worshippers. Manly Presbyterian Church held a sunrise service that drew a large number.


Regardless of the general low temperatures the weather man dealt,

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THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

## Judge Rowe Speaker at Alumni Banquet

Address Vass-Lakeview School Gathering.—Broadcast Stunt a Feature

"Good Citizenship" was the subject of an inspiring address made by J. Vance Rowe, judge of the Recorder's Court of Moore county, before the eighty-one persons gathered at Hotel Charnella on Saturday evening for the annual banquet of the Vass-Lakeview School Alumni Association.

The speaker defined a good citizen as "one who shares the burdens of his nation and community, cherishes its interests, support its institutions, protects its good name and contributes to the richness of its life."

He enumerated a few of the duties of good citizens, and concluded with the following challenging words:

"As good citizens we have no eight-hour day, no five or six day week, but we must be on the job all the time, for it is ourselves that we must build, and our sons and daughters and our neighbors, our citizenry, our people. We must build bodies and minds and ideals and character. We must build better homes, better schools, better towns and better states. We must build in strength of limb as well as in mortar and stone; in strength of mind and spirit as well as in masonry; in beauty of thought as well as in beauty of architecture."

The revamped dining room of the hotel presented an attractive appearance with its candle lighted tables decorated with the school colors, blue and white, and lovely arrangements of spring flowers.

The invocation was spoken by A. M. Calhoun and the welcome address by the president, Herman Parker.

The program of toasts, responses and specialties was broadcast from a studio on the second floor in real radio style, with W. Duncan Matthews, a former principal of the school, as announcer. Taking part on the program were Bill Coore, Annie McGill Wilson, H. Clifton Blue, A. M. Calhoun, Loula E. Taylor, Rebecca Gardner, Jewell Edwards McMillan, Bessie Cameron Smith and Edwin Causey. "Alma Mater" was the theme song and was sung at the beginning and end of the broadcast.

Following this part of the program the main address of the evening was given in the banquet hall. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Jewell Edwards McMillan; vice-president, Edwin Causey; secretary-treasurer, H. Clifton Blue. Nettie Gschwind Parker read the minutes of last year's meeting.

After the banquet, dancing was enjoyed.

Tests indicate that cottonseed cake will not take the place of corn in fattening rations for lambs.

winter garb, in many instances was cast aside for bright Easter raiment despite the chilly winds. The sensible bunny in his coat of fur was at least comfortable.

## 140 Attend Cameron School Alumni Banquet

Vote to Make Event Annual One.—John C. Ferguson Elected President for '33

The Cameron School Alumni banquet, sponsored by the class of 1934, was held in the high school building last Friday evening and 140 guests were seated, arranged in classes. Dinner was served by the Home Economic class under the supervision of Mrs. W. H. Abernathy.

Mrs. J. M. Guthrie was chairman of the program committee, and the splendidly arranged program ran off most smoothly. The Rev. W. D. McNeill returned thanks, after which Mrs. Loula Muse conducted an old fashioned spelling match, "giving out such words as "Isothermal," "Myxomycetes," and the like. Rather than attempt to spell them, Bill Muse preferred to "stay in after school," and Lula Guthrie cried and took her seat. They were severely reprimanded. Impromptu speeches were made by J. B. Tally of Buffalo, N. Y., Rassic Wicker of Pinehurst, John C. Ferguson of State College, Raleigh, Carl Phillips of Durham, John C. Muse of Sanford, L. B. McKeithen and W. A. Muse of Cameron. Reminiscences of the school, dating as far back as 1907, with many ludicrous incidents, were given, many of them occurring during Prof. A. B. Cameron's regime when long, tough "switches" were still legitimate and used to teach the "young idea how to grow." John C. Muse claimed an entire forest was denuded.

It was remarkable and to their lasting credit that nearly every speaker paid glowing tribute to the saintly Rev. M. D. McNeill, acknowledging with gratitude the benign influence he shed upon their lives.

Nearly every class was represented, and it was interesting to note the splendid progress of many of their number. The class of 1935, represented by Miss June McIver Hemphill, claimed to be the toddling, two-year old infant, but was emphatic in saying that in 25 years or more, they would attain the greatness of the 1907. Mrs. Jewell Hemphill read "In Memoriam" giving the names of former students who had passed on. The program was interspersed with songs, with Miss Jeanette Wooten at the piano, and poems were read by Mrs. H. C. Gibson of Rockingham and Miss Thurla Cole.

During the entire evening, Prof. R. F. Lowry was showered with bouquets, and when he gave the closing talk he tossed back lovelier ones, if possible, than those given him.

It was voted to make the alumni banquet an annual feature of the school. The following officers were elected for 1938: President, John C. Ferguson, Raleigh; vice-president, Kassie Wicker, Pinehurst; secretary, Mrs. Herbert Spivey; treasurer, Miss Mary Hendricks, Cameron; chairman of program committee, Mrs. Jewell Hemphill.

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## VICK KEITH NOMINATED FOR MAYOR OF VASS

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The present officers are H. A. Borst, mayor; R. P. Beasley, W. D. Smith and Vick Keith, commissioners.

## PENDER COMPANY MAKES GIFT TO CHURCH FUND

The D. Pender Grocery Company of Norfolk, Va., made a gift of \$50.00 to the Building Fund of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church this week which, together with other gifts that have come in since, has been added to the Easter offering.

Farm poultry flocks are larger and more productive this spring than in the corresponding periods for several years past, the bureau of agricultural economics reports.

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