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A WORD TO OUR GRADUATES

One of the major stepping stones of life is one's graduation from high school. To some, it means marching on to institutions of higher learning, but to many it is the entry into their life work. To all, The Pilot wishes all possible success. Probably at no stage of history have graduates been faced with the problems confronting the future citizens of the country, the guardians of its heritages, as lie before them today. Domestically, they face a country bearing the greatest debt burden in its existence, and one of the greatest unemployment rolls. Internationally, they face a world which for a year or more has stood on the brink of war. It is the duty, therefore, of these young people not alone to find their proper niches, their vocations, their livelihood, but to so fit themselves into the scheme of things that they may constructively serve mankind—to save mankind. Young men and women, we give you these two precepts: **Follow the Golden Rule.** Bear in mind that America is the Land of the Free, **BUT** the Home of the Brave!

THE TRAGEDY OF 14 YEARS AGO

Fourteen years ago, on the morning of May 27, Coal Glen, a little village of neighboring Chatham county, exploded its name into prominence. Unknown to many citizens of the state, the small mining community rolled up one of the worst disasters that ever befell North Carolina. Fifty-three men entombed in the Carolina Coal mine lost their lives, following a series of explosions. By late afternoon the cotton fields about the mine had been transformed into a city of thousands and the traffic jam was akin to a Duke-Carolina football game. Before nightfall medical detachments had arrived from Fort Bragg and tents were set up for rescue work. The U. S. Bureau of Mines had ordered mine rescue cars sent in from West Virginia and Birmingham. The Red Cross field director was on his way from Washington with nearby units rushing in to help. The Governor sent the adjutant general down and a representative from the Department of Labor. Penelope, the mine locomotive of the branch road, hauled more officials and mine paraphernalia into that territory than had ever been seen before. Headlines of a Greensboro paper said Howard Butler would live, barring unforeseen difficulties. The quiet countryside became a distressing scene. The unheard of village of Coal Glen made headlines over a nation. Again it is unheard of, forgotten and unknown.

FIRE EQUIPMENT IN THE HOME

A recent bulletin of the National Board of Fire Underwriters deals with the immensely important subject of "Fire Equipment in the Home"—and that is something that comes straight home to everyone. Adequate home fire-fighting equipment is simple and cheap—in fact you probably have most of what you need on hand now. Many a potentially destructive fire has been quickly extinguished with a garden hose. Short pieces of hose kept inside the house near faucets may come in mighty handy. And that simplest of all protective devices, a pail of water, may be a

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS

OF MORE THAN \$2,000,000,000 IN TAXES COLLECTED ANNUALLY BY FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, MORE THAN \$7,000,000,000 IS MADE UP OF **HIDDEN TAXES.**

IN THE PAST TEN YEARS, AMERICANS HAVE BOUGHT **6,000,000,000 ELECTRIC LIGHT BULBS.**

AMERICA'S CHEMICAL PRODUCTS REPRESENT IN VALUE TODAY **ONE-HALF THE WORLD'S OUTPUT—A RESULT OF INTENSIVE RESEARCH BY INDUSTRY.**

RUSSIA IS BUT 9 HOURS FROM UNCLE SAM'S COUNTRY—BUT DIOMIDE ISLAND IN BRINGS STRAIT IS RUSSIAN TERRITORY—LITTLE ALASKA BELONGS TO THE U.S.A.

IN ENGLAND, MEN'S GARTERS ARE CALLED **"SOCK SUSPENDERS"**

GRAINS OF SAND

Editorial of the week: "A Communist is a person who wants to eat his cake and have yours, too."—The Washington Post.

"The best novel of the West that has come along in a month of Sundays," says the New Yorker magazine of James Boyd's latest, "Bitter Creek."

The U. S. Department of Commerce has made its first geographical analysis of its annual national estimates and lists seven states reporting incomes larger in 1937 than 1929. The two Carolinas were among the seven showing income gains.

Another increase for North Carolina is shown in the number of automobiles registered for the past year. The Bureau of Public Roads reports a decline for the country in general but shows an increase of 2.3 for the state.

For those who might not be aware of it, 171 years ago, in Guilford county, a little girl was born, Dorothea Payne, who later became better known as Dolly Madison, the spirited wife of President James Madison.

Both coasts of Florida are to be lifesaver in an emergency. Water is obviously the agent to use for most fires—but it shouldn't be forgotten that in some cases water will spread, not quence a fire. In the instance of kitchen fires involving grease, for instance, the application of water is likely to result in a sudden burst of flame that will send the fire to all corners of the room. A fire of this kind should be fought by covering the burning receptacle in order to shut off the air supply, after turning off all heat. Closet fires can often be smothered by simply closing the doors. In any event, no matter where the fire is, close all doors that will tend to confine it.

Every householder will do well to buy one or two home extinguishers of an effective and inexpensive type, of which there are many approved makes on the market. Foam and gas extinguishers are the most efficient agents for quenching oil fires.

Lastly, the National Board's bulletin offers a number of suggestions for home fire fighting which should be kept always in mind: 1. Never attempt to fight fire in a smoke-filled room or basement—poisonous fumes may overcome you. 2. Never enter a room where much fire is in evidence. 3. Women should not attempt to fight fire, wearing cotton or silk dresses—a human life is worth more than property. 4. See that everyone is out of danger before you fight the fire. 5. Money spent for fire prevention, such as approved electrical appliances, repairs to chimneys and heating plants, fire stops, etc., is more worth while than that spent for extinguishing equipment.

MOORE CO. SCHOOLS PICK FACULTIES FOR FALL

These Moore county schools have announced faculty appointments for next fall: At Vass all teachers were reelected except Miss Leone Currie and Miss Sallie Mae Bivins, who did not apply. All teachers in Cameron, Eagle Springs, and West End schools were re-elected.

MISS WILEY, HOWARD BURNS WIN SCOTCH FOURSOME EVENT

Miss Katherine Wiley and Howard F. Burns won last Sunday's Scotch foursome contest in which members of the men and women's golfing organizations of the Southern Pines Country Club, the Sandpipers and the Pine Dodgers, competed. They were tied at the end of 18 holes with Miss Lucille Grover and A. C. Dawson, each with a net 74, but won on the play-off.

Little Anthea Carol Taylor, 17-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Taylor of Vass, is an active little miss and when she is quiet, it is a sign that mischief is brewing.

Late Friday afternoon her mother missed her prattle and investigated. The young lady had found an old paint bucket with a small amount of paint in it, and had proceeded to smear it on her clothes, hair and face, not slighting her mouth. Anthea Carol still hasn't figured out the reason why, when she was having such a perfectly lovely time, she had to be snatched up, scrubbed and greased, looked over by a doctor and then rushed to Sanford for an encounter with a stomach pump. Grown-ups have such queer ideas!

Newsletters in terminal markets throughout the East and Middle West will be used early in June to promote the peach crop of Georgia and North and South Carolina, according to the Georgia-Carolina Peach Marketing Board.

The drive is sponsored by the governors of the three states involved, and also will use trade publications and point-of-sale displays. More than 90 percent of the tri-state crop is said to be represented by the board's membership.

ceive improved rail service starting June 6 when the Seaboard Railway's streamlined Silver Meteor, will be run in two sections south of Wildwood, Florida providing service to each coast every three days instead of six as formerly.

The faculty and Senior class of the Southern Pines High school announce their Commencement exercises in one of the most attractive invitations that have ever been issued by the school. A sketch of the front of the building standing among the pines and surrounded by shrubbery adds a pleasing feature to the standard pattern of Commencement invitations.

Expect Higher Acreage in Tobacco This Year

Flue-Cured Plantings Expected To Exceed Last Season's by 15 Per Cent

Lloyd Weeks, assistant tobacco specialist of the State College Extension Service, has estimated that North Carolina growers will increase their plantings of flue-cured tobacco 15 per cent this year.

Since compulsory control was removed from the tobacco crop last winter, farmers have been free to plant an unrestricted acreage this year.

For the flue-cured leaf belt as a whole, growers have indicated they will plant 11 per cent more tobacco this season than last, when they marketed 786,000,000 pounds. However, yields per acre, on the 1938 crop were considerably above average. With normal yields this year, the 11 per cent increase would still place the total poundage below the 1938 figure. Acre yields up to the high level of last year would produce a 1939 crop of 872,000,000 pounds.

Weeks said in the spring outlook report on tobacco, the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported prospects for stable or moderately improved general business conditions throughout the remainder of 1939. On this basis, it appears probable that cigarette consumption will be maintained at its present high level.

Although blue mold struck heavily in most of the border and new bright belt counties, Weeks expects no general shortage of plants. Comparatively few cases have been reported where farmers will have to depend on their neighbors for seedlings.

In some communities, the recent hail storm did considerable damage to plant beds, while in other sections the damage was negligible, the tobacco specialist pointed out.

Correspondence

"THE POWER OF GOODWILL"

Editor The Pilot: The enclosed leaflet, which I have recently received, seem so suggestive and helpful at this time of world stress and tension, that I am sending it to you, in hopes that you may be willing and able to publish a part or the whole of its contents in your paper.

If we could only learn to use the "mass mind" constructively, and in a Christian way, how many less world problems we should have.

—MRS. LEONARD TUFTS.
 (Enclosure)

"A call to all men and women of goodwill in all parts of the world—
 "To recognize the power of goodwill as a vital force, moulding men's opinions and guiding their actions in constructive co-operation.

"To recognize that this power is greatly needed in world affairs at this time, and that without goodwill among men no lasting peace is possible.

"To strive to exemplify goodwill increasingly in their daily lives and so become effective goodwill units within the body of humanity.

"To give their personal recognition and support to every statement and effort by prominent men and leaders of thought everywhere which has the quality of good will, so that whenever and wherever the power of goodwill is used it will have the support of an enlightened public.

"To say the Great Invocation daily with sincere and concentrated attention to the words used, and to pass on this Invocation to others, so that it shall quickly become the world-wide demand of the human family."

This call is being distributed in nine languages throughout Europe and America, by the United States Unit of Service, 11 West 42nd Street, New York.

H. Lee Thomas, superintendent of schools of Moore county, is chief marshal for the Elon College Commencement exercises. Mr. Thomas, resident of Carthage, was graduated from Elon with the class of 1917.

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