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A GREAT SERVICE WITH SMALL REWARD.

Miss Nancy O. Deavers, of the State Department of Education, after inspecting the schools of the county expressed herself as being well pleased with the high type of work being done.

And well she might, for it is hardly likely that any school system in the state can boast of a finer corps of principals and teachers than those of this county. They are interested in their work; in their pupils and they are constantly striving to hold up the standards of the schools that have been placed in their keeping and the students who are looking to them for training that will fit them to make better citizens and better men and women.

The reward for this service, in dollars and cents is small. Teachers are paid less in proportion to other lines of endeavor than any other class of people. But they do not hold back on that account. Regardless of the remuneration they give a whole-hearted service that is really commendable.

Expenses of government are being constantly cut in an effort to balance the budget. We hear of it on every side, more during the past three or four years than ever before. It must be done. But it is our opinion that the last cuts to be made shall be in our educational system. The boys and girls who will suffer today because of it are the ones who will control our government tomorrow and it is up to us today to see to it that they are well fitted for this work. And the education they are receiving today will determine the kind of men and women who will be at the head of our government and our industries tomorrow and who will be the teachers of other young people a few years hence. When curtailment of government expenditures becomes necessary we agree that it should be done but let the last cut be in our educational system and then only as a last resort.

"THY SPEECH BETRAYETH THEE."

When Christ's persecutors were trying to get something against Him that they might have Him put to death, Peter, one of His disciples was watching nearby. The impression we get from the story is that Peter was making an attempt to watch the proceedings without being identified as one of His followers. It is to be regretted that he failed to do so.

LOOKS NOW AS IF FREE TEXT BOOKS WILL WIN.

Those of us who have been urging adoption of the plan of the state furnishing free text books for school children along with free school houses, free teachers, and so on, are now about to see the end of the successful battle. Some 22 years ago the Asheville Central Labor Union began agitation of this question, and the matter was taken by the Asheville delegates into the State Federation of Labor, where resolutions were adopted asking the state to provide free books for the school children. Joining in this movement early in the days of the beginning of the battle was the Junior Order. Many years ago the Republican party in the State conventions adopted free school books as one plank in their platform.

Of recent time the Junior Order has renewed the fight with determination to win, and is mailing requests to all candidates for the legislature and the state senate.

Dr. A. T. Allen, superintendent of public instruction in North Carolina, has recently "come out" for free school books.

Citizens of North Carolina have never been fully informed of the tremendous saving that could be made to them by such action. The average man in North Carolina has been paying more money for the school books that he has had to buy than he paid in taxes. The cost has been doubled and tripled because of the constant changes that have been made in text books, each change causing greatly increased burden to the parents of the school children.

Let us hope that the next session of the general assembly will adopt the plan of providing books for the children to study in the schools that the state maintains for them and compels them to attend.

THE HABIT OF THINKING.

More mistakes are made because we do not think than are made because of ignorance. The experience we have had in life fit us to cope with any ordinary situation if we give it proper thought. There are some who think before they act; others afterward and a few do not think at all. The time to think is before you act for any mistake is more difficult to correct than it is to make.

Thinking is not a gift. It is a matter of education. No one can think for you nor can anyone tell you how to think. And like any other habit it must be cultivated in order to be at its best. Learn to give proper thought to the small things and you will become better fitted to cope with the more important situations when they arise.

You have no doubt met people who seemed to be equal to any emergency and have probably thought how nice it would be to have that gift which they possess. You have it to just the same degree they have, the difference lying only in that you have failed to develop it while they have not.

When you bear in mind that the difference between success and failure lies solely in the ability to think it will not be difficult for you to realize the importance of taking time to think.

DESTROYING BEAUTIFUL IDEALS.

There are many writers who persist in digging up all the trash and dirt they can in the lives of many great men. They attempt to destroy the beautiful ideals we hold about these men.

Men like Washington, Lincoln and others were not perfect. They had their faults just as all other men have theirs. But their better traits must have been outstanding or their names would not stand out as they do. And if this is the case why should it concern us today whether Washington chewed tobacco, drank liquor (if he did) or was guilty of other "crimes" which certainly were not outstanding or he would never have achieved the successes he did.

There is not a question in our minds as to whether or not the village gossipers in the time of Christ accused him of wrong-doing during his visits to the home of Mary and Martha. They were close friends of His and he was a frequent visitor to their home and unless the people of His time were greatly different from those of this age they told some "awful tales" on Him. And what must a certain class have had to say about the immaculate conception of Christ? Yet we know that for Christ to have been anything but pure and clean and honorable in everything was impossible for He ascended into Heaven when He had finished His work here and this would not have been so if He had failed in His mission.

Perhaps Washington and Lincoln were not perfect; perhaps they did have many faults. What of it? The greatness of their lives has been in such contrast to their little "weaknesses" that we may continue to hold them up and set them as examples for ourselves and our children. What is to be gained from digging up what some writers term "their sordid pasts."

LOOK AT HIM AS HE IS NOW.

The time to size up your candidate is before he is elected—not afterward. The type of man he is now and has been is more than likely the type of man he will remain. It is hardly to be expected that his election to a public trust is going to make him a different man.

If he irresponsible now, he will remain so during his tenure of office. If he is not a good business or professional man, handling his own personal affairs and those of others which he may, in the course of his work, handle successfully, then it is hardly likely that he is the man to trust with the affairs of government.

The man who makes a failure of his own business will not be likely to make a success of yours—and political affairs are your affairs. We can not all go to Congress or to the Senate. We can not personally supervise the affairs of our country or state or nation but must appoint a man to do this for us. Too much care can hardly be exercised in the selection of that man.

Don't vote for a man because he is a Democrat, a Republican or a Socialist but vote for the man because he is a MAN. Support someone who, you feel certain, will merit your support and who will not have to offer apologies or excuses for the things he should have done but failed to do. Vote, by all means, but vote intelligently.

MANY LESSON LEARNED DURING DEPRESSION.

Every depression has its good points. Sometimes they are not seen until it has passed over but they are no less important. Experience is a hard teacher but the lessons taught in this manner are seldom forgotten even though they may never be heeded.

People have learned that they CAN pay their debts if they must. They have done it when their income has been reduced to the point where they thought it impossible to carry on; they have continued in business when failure seemed inevitable; they have lived—really and truly lived—when they knew not where the next meal was coming from.

Salaried men and women have learned to attach more importance to that pay envelope and to save a portion of it; capitalists have learned catastrophes may be avoided and the average working man has learned the real value of a job.

Home has become a better place for there have been times when many have been all but deprived of them and then, for the first time, they have had a full realization of what it really means to them. Young people have learned to have a good time without money and have found that the more enjoyable things in life are the things which money will not buy. All in all

The Practical Religion.

Little applications of Religion to the Daily Life.

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will, with the temptation, also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13.

How often do we feel that no person on earth is so beset with temptations as we are? And how often we try to excuse our acts on that ground. Who is there that has not, at some time in life, felt that he has reached the limit of human endurance and has been inclined to give up. Yet, somehow it has all been lived through and the world seemed a better place afterward, didn't it?

If there were no temptations there would be no need of the Bible. There would be no need for laws—the laws which govern human conduct and make us what we are. Eve was tempted in the beginning and then Adam. Perhaps Eve's sin is not so great as Adam's for she was tempted by Satan, who had experience of unlimited time with which to tempt her. He knew her like an open book. But Adam was tempted by Eve who was placed into the world AFTER he had been here some time and who, it may be assumed was even less experienced than he. But they were both tempted and both yielded and since that time every human being who has been born has been tempted—Moses, Abraham, Job, John the Baptist, Christ and all others.

These temptations must come but with every one of them there has been provided a way to escape and there is the assurance that we will not be tempted beyond what we are able to bear. That is comforting and it gives us greater faith to know that if we will struggle on, doing the best we are able, we will be victorious in the end.

If Christ had not given his life on the cross we would most assuredly have had more to fight than we have. In His death he took from our shoulders the greatest of all the burdens we have to bear and bore it for us. He did that we might live more abundantly.

That should make it easier for us to be conquerors. If he was willing to die for sins he did not commit then why should we not be willing to make sacrifices for the ones we have committed?

It is comforting to know that when the path seems rough and we are beset with temptations on every side that there is to be found in prayer to Him who has provided it for us.

The Upward Trend.

Little News items that offer conclusive proof that business is on the upgrade.

Employment Shows Large Increase

Announcement has been made that employment has shown an increase of 400 per cent in the ten mills operated by the Phillips-Jones corporation, textile manufacturers. 5,050 operatives are now at work in these mills, the majority of them in Pennsylvania.

Gold Mine To Reopen

The old Woolworth gold mine, near Charlotte, is to be reopened in the near future by Mayor C. E. Lambeth and former Mayor F. M. Redd of that city.

Increase In Carloadings

Carloadings for the week ending October 15, according to a report of the American Railway association at Washington, D. C., have shown an increase of 24,942 cars over the preceding week which amounted to 650,758 cars.

Cotton Spinning Industry Shows Increased Activity

According to figures compiled by the census bureau there has been an increase in the cotton spinning industry during the past two months. September showed an increase of 9 percent over the same month of last year and an increase of more than 20 percent over the month of August. Mills are reported to be running at about 94.6 per cent of capacity for single shift operation.

Sales Show Increase

An increase in sales of more than 10.1 per cent over the same period of last year have been reported by the American Asphalt Paint company of Chicago. During the quarter ending September 30 sales were 17.9 per cent greater than for the same period of last year.

250 Men Back To Work

250 men went back to their jobs in the refineries of the Garden City Sugar company last Thursday on a 24-hour basis for three months, due to prospect of producing more than 200,000,000 pounds of sugar, according to Joseph Stewart, manager.

the people of this nation are wiser and better fitted for the prosperity for which they are hoping and praying.

And because of the depression that prosperity which we like to believe is "just around the corner" will be more lasting, more worthwhile than any through which we may have passed.

People I Meet and the Lessons I Learn by observing them.

(By Harold Branson)

Jim Landers was the bully of the school. Every one of us feared him and would go out of our way to avoid causing him any displeasure. He had never been "licked" and so far as we were concerned he never would be. Every time a new boy came we fervently hoped (though we took pains not to express it) that he might be able to handle Jim and that he would lose his title. That had gone on through the term and as it neared its close Jim was still unchallenged.

And then it happened. The girls' dormitory was being constructed and although not yet completed the girls, due to the overcrowded condition of the school had moved in. There were many cracks in the old weather-boarding and since the walls had not been ceiled the place was quite open. The girls used to say they held "open house" all the time.

During a sort of masked party staged by the students, Allan Keith, the sassy of the institution brought about the thing for which we had all been hoping for some time. Allan was a bit smaller than Jim and was decidedly not a fighter.

As he was in his way from the boys' dormitory it was necessary to pass the girls' dormitory and as he did so he saw someone peering in through the cracks in the building. If there was anything in the world Allan hated it was a "peeping Tom." He was infuriated. Without a sound he rushed on the masked figure, grabbed him by the collar and went into one of the hardest rough-and-tumble scraps he had ever been in. And did that had fight. A crowd soon collected to witness the spectacle and they cheered "the winner" since they did not know who were the combatants.

But it did not last for any length of time. The "peeping Tom" received the worst licking he had ever had and toward the end was begging for mercy. Allan let him up and forced him to remove his mask, explaining to the other students why he had "sailed into him" as he had. And when the mask was removed who should it be than that bully of bullies Jim Landers; and he had been given a sound thrashing by the "sissiest" boy in the school!

We were never troubled with Jim after that.

I had occasion to talk to Allan about the affair and he told me that he was now convinced that this bully business was more in the state of mind than anything else. "I just believed he could lick me so I never tried to find out whether he could or not. He held his place because he could talk a good fight and because he had perhaps 'licked' a few of the boys when he first came to the institution. I would never have tackled him if he hadn't aroused me by that despicable act."

Jim's bravado got him by so long as it remained unchallenged, but Allan's genuine ability to cope with a situation was brought out when he came face to face with a situation that demanded action.

CUT FERTILIZER BILL WITH FALL LEGUMES

The shortage of feed caused by the dry weather of the past summer and the prevailing low prices for farm produce make it imperative that winter-growing hay crops be planted in North Carolina this fall.

Returning from field trips over the State this week, extension workers at State College report considerable interest in the planting of winter hay crops. Farmers are reasoning that while it may not rain so abundantly in summer, the State is apparently well blessed with moisture in winter and the recent rains have furnished ideal conditions for planting legumes and small grains. These crops grow from October to May and can be so managed that they will not conflict with the principal summer crops such as corn, cotton, tobacco, peanuts, soybeans and lespedeza.

Another argument used is that fall planted legumes and small grains occupy the land at the time when it would otherwise be bare and exposed to the leaching out process of soluble plant food, and to the erosion of the soil itself.

While the chief advantage of winter hay crops is that they furnish a good crop of fresh feed at the time when it is likely to be low, there is another advantage, especially where legumes are grown, that the fertilizer bill may be reduced and the land put in such shape that what fertilizer is used will pay better returns.

It is not expected that farmers will have much more money to invest in fertilizers next spring than they had last spring. For that reason it is only good insurance to take advantage of suitable growing weather in winter to fill the land with humus and organic matter.

Limestone and legumes are being rated as important soil builders in North Carolina this season and indications are that both will be used to a greater extent than in the past, say the field specialists.

Lespedeza seed harvester number 17 arrived in Person County last week to be located on the farm of A. E. Huff.

Trying out a new plan of selling, Craven farmers sold 174 fat hogs at the car door for cash at the low price of \$3.65 a hundred which is 65 cents below the top at Richmond. Net cash returns will determine future sales of this kind.

Burke County Guernsey breeders will hold a cattle show at Morganton on October 27 and 28 with Dr. E. C. Brooks of State College as speaker at the banquet to be held on the night of the first day.

HANGING OUT ON MAIN STREET

By A. Lounger

One of the hardest jobs in the world is to try to appear busy when you're not—so here goes. . . . The minstrel show was a success in spite of the fact that a few thought the jokes were too "raw" and those few should remember if these same jokes should be "pulled" a year or two from now they would be so tame that the audience would "boo" And was that chorus (course we mean the girls) a wowl! . . . Mrs. Mary Jane McCrary and her efficient colleague, Mary Allison has now got settled in their new quarters on Caldwell street. . . . Dick Poole says he will forget and forgive almost any negligence around the house except letting the salt shaker get empty.

To new young married folks we offer this word of advice—never interrupt when your wife is telling you something for your own good. . . . and here's a modern form of an old quotation: "Vociferations rancous in a torrent out from canine thoracic cavity. Prove in the sequel to be more abhorrent than the mordacious act they would imply" . . . Wonder what it feels like to be the first to enter a stadium that holds 85,000.

And now we hear that "our" minstrel has been invited to "do their stuff" in a neighboring town. What else do you expect with such rare talent in evidence? There's Lois Barnett who could dance to the satisfaction of the late Flo Zeigfield and that inimitable voice of Lucien English and his freecasting propensity and—well, they're all outstanding for that matter. (no, that ain't sarcasm, neither) . . . Elizabeth Case comin' down Main street with a pair of roller skates. . . . Jackie Clayton ridin' horseback. . . . And "Ginnie" Wood, the original Arkansas Traveler back from his wanderin' . . . Rebecca Summey enroute to have a dress fitted . . . Ruth Kilpatrick callin' to Billie to hurry on to lunch . . . A group of politicians arguin'.

No, Bob Kilpatrick hasn't inherited no fortune. The reason he is lookin' like that is he's "Daddy" now. . . . And just as we was goin' to mention who all we see on Main Street, the fire siren opens up and so bloomin' many rush in to view it'd take ages to mention all of 'em so we won't start into that. . . . And Earl Fulbright says he's growin' one, too, but it is difficult to determine if he's tellin' the truth—time will tell. . . . This price-war on eats is a good thing—for the consumer. . . . Politics is sure gettin' hot now, and are we stayin' under cover! . . . What about the guy who went to the pen and tried to get in, claimin' he was supposed to be there and they wouldn't let him in? . . . Headlines states that people want to hear as little as possible about the depression; as if that is news.

A certain gentleman—he's bigger'n us—said, "I didn't tell that joke you put in your column about me and you know it." "No," we replied "and those who read it will know darn well you didn't think of it"—and he got sore. . . . Bill Bridges says the difference between a married guy and a single guy is contentment—but failed to say which way it works. . . . And now the genial voice of "Miss" Rowena Summey has replaced the distinctive one of Reba Kitchen (singular) at the telephone exchange. . . . "A lot of us applaud because the party's over"—go ahead.

FARM QUESTIONS

Answered At State College.

Question: What grain ration should I give my poultry in addition to the laying mash?

Answer: A grain mixture consisting of sixty per cent yellow corn and forty per cent wheat is most commonly used in this State. The ration, however, should be governed by what is produced on the farm. Heavy barley or heavy oats may be substituted for a part of the corn and wheat but should never constitute more than 30 percent of the ration.

Question: How long will it take to cure my sweet potatoes and what temperature should I maintain in my storage house?

Answer: With a temperature of 80 to 85 degrees the curing process takes about two weeks. Watch the potatoes carefully during the curing period and when the sprouts begin to appear the potatoes are cured. After curing, the temperature should be kept at 50 degrees. However, if soft rot becomes severe the house should be heated until the potatoes are well dried out before lowering the temperature again.

Question: How can I keep skippers out of my meat after curing?

Answer: The first thing to do is to put a cement floor in the smoke-house and screen all openings with a fine mesh wire. Even with these precautions the flies will sometimes get in and it is always best to wrap the meat in paper and then put it in paper bags as soon as the smoking is completed. Make sure that the bag is without holes and then close opening with twine before storing.

Twenty-five Nesh tobacco growers will convert tight, frame tobacco barns into sweet potato curing houses this fall.