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MISS SHOTWELL TALKS ON CHILD WELFARE HERE

Children Of Today Will Constitute Citizenship Of Tomorrow, She Says

OPPORTUNITY FOR PLAY RIGHT OF EVERY KID

"Children's Code" Should Be Part Of Every State's Legal System, She Tells Woman's Club, and This Should Comprise Intelligent And Humane Laws.

Following are extracts from an address made here last week before the Woman's Club by Miss Mary Shotwell:

Child welfare is one of the fundamental problems of this age. The children of today will constitute the citizenship of tomorrow and as such have certain inalienable rights. The rights of childhood may be briefly stated:

1. Healthful childhood.
2. Educated childhood.
3. Happy childhood.
4. Patriotic childhood.
5. Religious childhood.
6. Protected childhood.

In order to secure healthful childhood we must safeguard and maintain the health of every child. Without health, education and training are almost impossible, and the chance of becoming an efficient member of society more or less negligible.

Every child is entitled to such an education in the public schools of the State as will fit him for life work. The compulsory school attendance law says that a child must attend school from 7 to 14 years of age. Last year there were approximately 100,000 more children in school in North Carolina than ever before and this increase in attendance came within the compulsory school age.

Happy Childhood
Opportunity for wholesome play is the right of every child. It is one of the fundamental necessities, which if not given expression retards his physical, moral and mental development. The joyous, buoyant spirit of childhood should be encouraged and directed—never suppressed.

Patriotic Childhood
A knowledge of the ideals of democracy; respect for all that is fine in the country's traditions and customs; love for the flag—should be part of the education given by home, church and school to the child. Through these institutions he should learn intelligent Christian citizenship.

Religious Childhood
"A nation is Christian not when a church is established by law, but when righteousness is established within the workers," and righteousness in the hearts and minds of people must have its beginning with the child. Not one should be allowed to grow up without spiritual instruction and example.

Protected Childhood
A "Children's Code" should be part of the legal system of every state. This code should be composed of intelligent and humane laws for the care and protection of children and include satisfactory provision for their administration.

What is a child worth? With the passing of slavery the world has ceased to think of human beings in terms of money value, and yet each individual is either an asset or a liability in dollars and cents to his state and community. A professor of economics at Yale, after much careful study, has arrived at the conclusion that a good, healthy American baby is worth about \$1,000 to the state. If this is true, the state and county departments of public welfare and other child helping agencies which are actively engaged in stamping out the germs of delinquency and dependency are an infinite saving to the state. One child prevented from becoming a criminal or pauper saves the state not only \$4,000 which a normal child is worth, but the cost of keeping a criminal in the jail or penitentiary an indefinite number of years. Assuming that only one child out of five of the 2,878 children receiving protection or discipline in the juvenile courts of North Carolina during the second year of their organization and that these children were thereby kept out of the criminal class the State was saved over \$2,324,000. North Carolina can justly be proud that she ranks fourth in the value of agricultural products among the States of the Nation and that she is fast developing one of the best systems of roads in the South; but what will these be worth if she neglects the child life of the State so that she shall have an ignorant, defective and deteriorating stock of people?

COL. WILSON G. LAMB DIES IN ROCKY MOUNT

Chairman of State Board of Elections Had Been Ill For Three Weeks

Rocky Mount, Feb. 22.—Col. Wilson G. Lamb, of Williamston, chairman of the state board of elections since its organization during Aycock's administration and pioneer leader in Democratic circles of eastern North Carolina, died early this afternoon at a local hospital where he had been brought for treatment three weeks ago while suffering from a severe complication of kidney disease. The remains were taken to the home in Williamston this afternoon by members of the family who were at the bedside when death came, and funeral services will be held from the Church of the Advent there Friday afternoon at 8 o'clock, being conducted by Rev. Walter B. Clark, rector.

Colonel Lamb, who was 78 years of age had always fought most vigorously for the Democratic party but had never sought office, the chairmanship of the board of elections being the only public position of any significance which he held during his long and extremely active political career. He was known primarily as a party fighter of the old school.

TELLS STORY OF HER INFIDELITY

Wife of Greensboro Doctor Confesses To Alleged Illicit Relations

Greensboro, Feb. 22.—Going on the witness stand upon her own volition, Mrs. G. W. Norman confessed in Superior Court here today to illicit relations with her brother-in-law, E. B. Boren, extending over a period of over five years, unable, she said, to resist the urging of the man, who is being sued by her husband for \$100,000.

The court room crowd, having heard her son swear yesterday that his mother was guilty of immorality, came back in larger numbers today. They heard of her infidelity, interrupted she said, over a period of long years for only a few weeks when one of her sons, her youngest child was killed in an automobile accident.

She wanted to meet her boy in heaven, she testified, she told Boren, when he insisted about two weeks later on resuming their relations, and drove him from the house, but he soon came back and insisted that she submit to him, which she did, she said.

Started By Kim
When she was asked about her son's death she broke down and wept, sobbing, the curious throng of spectators cying her as stolidly and as avidly then as when she told her story. She spoke in a low, emotionless voice, staring straight ahead.

A kiss, given the man at Christmas time in 1914, while his own wife was in an adjoining room, started the whole thing, she testified. He wanted it for a "Christmas present," she said and she bestowed it. From that to the worst was an easy step, according to the testimony, the next visit, she said on the next day, seeing the marriage vows of both broken.

Signals were arranged, by telephone and tapings on the windows, when it was safe for him to come over, the woman testified. She even swore that he said his wife and her husband were sick and suggested marriage in case the two—brother and sister—should die. Mrs. Norman said that she told him she could not do that.

Told Husband Whole Story
Her husband came upon Boren leaving the house in November 1920, she testified. She and Boren having been in a pantry. He questioned her and told her to tell the truth, but she refused, she said, until she became ill, shortly afterward and, asking him to forgive her told all, she said.

Her husband and a Baptist minister, Rev. L. L. Carpenter, former pastor of the Forest Avenue church here, were the only ones she told of her actions with Boren, she testified, except that when her son, Courtney, asked her what to do, she said she told to tell the truth.

"We should give aid to the mother who is struggling to make a living for her little family and at the same time bring them up to a good manhood and womanhood. The State can never spend money more wisely than in assisting mothers. Would it not be cheaper, if we must put it on a financial basis, to say to a widow with children 'Do not send your boys and girls to an orphanage but keep them at home, we will give you a pension, for you have fought a brave fight in

B. AND L. FOLKS, SOON WILL START THE ORGANIZATION

Frank Steadman, Of Fayetteville, Will Address The Chamber of Commerce

SMITHFIELD SECRETARY WRITES ENCOURAGINGLY

Shows What Association Has Done For His Town And Thinks Dunn Will Profit Largely Through Similar Institution—Riddle And Newberry Working On Scheme.

Frank H. Steadman, president of the Cumberland Savings and Trust Company and a leading figure in the development of building and loan associations in Fayetteville, will address the directors of the Chamber of Commerce and other business men of the community on the building and loan idea at an early date, according to a letter received from him yesterday by Secretary T. L. Riddle.

Mr. Steadman was invited several days ago by Mr. Riddle and it was hoped that he could make the address some time this week. Press of other business, however, has necessitated postponement and he says: "I am unable to say just when I can go up, but hope to be able to do so in the near future."

His coming will mark the beginning of actual work on the creation of a building and loan association here to provide funds for the building of homes for people in moderate circumstances. Director A. J. Newberry and Mr. Riddle have been working on the idea for several weeks. Finally they have gotten a number of other business men interested and are assured that their plans will bear fruit within the next few weeks.

Meantime, Mr. Riddle is getting all the information he can about the success in other towns. The latest letter received is from Smithfield, written by J. J. Broadhurst, secretary and treasurer of the Smithfield Building and Loan Association. Mr. Broadhurst writes:

"Mr. John E. Morris of the Smithfield Building and Loan Association handed your letter of February 16th relative to Building and Loan Associations; to me.

"The Smithfield Building and Loan Association was organized October 1918, beginning business with \$18 shares.

"Our Annual statement to Insurance Department, Raleigh, December 31, 1921, shows we have matured and paid off 287 shares, have 5,078 in force, with total loans to shareholders for building homes \$208,846, which amount represents about 75 homes built.

"Our association has done more than any-one institution in Smithfield to build up this community, and you should organize at once as it takes several years to prove the many goods that come from a active association.

"I am sending to you today mail, laws and copy reports of all associations in state, which will give you desired information as to how to organize.

"Just a look at the report will convince you how many towns not as large as Dunn have associations that have been the making of their building progress. Organize and get in line for your towns upbuild, on easy weekly payment plan.

GRIFFITH'S NEW PRODUCTION COMING TO WHITE WAY

"The Fall of Babylon," David Wark Griffith's magnificent spectacle, wherein more than 125,000 men and women appear, has been secured as the special featured attraction at the White Way Theatre for an early showing.

Mr. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation," and "Hearts of the World" have established this dramatic genius as America's foremost producer of unusual entertainment, and it is therefore not surprising to learn that in one scene in "The Fall of Babylon" Mr. Griffith shows four thousand revolvers at a bacchanalian feast.

The hardest time for a man to get up in the world is every morning.

A friend in need is a dollar gone.

He found that families of small means encouraged the use of snuff the greatest of all wars—the war with want and low temptation for the defense of the best thing that God ever sent into this world, a child. It costs about four hundred dollars to keep a boy or a girl in an institution a year. Suppose a widow had three children and we gave her twelve hundred dollars a year to stay home and take care of her children, would it not be the economical and humane

\$60,000 PAID FOR COTTON ON LOCAL YARD THIS WEEK

More Than 700 Bales Sold On Dunn Market Monday

LARGE HOLDERS BRING MANY BALES TO TOWN

They Will Sell Some Of Fringes Continue To Buy—Estimates Still Are In Surplus of Country—Much Cotton Shipped in Dunn This Week

Approximately \$60,000 has been paid for cotton on the local market since last Monday according to estimates compiled by the Chamber of Commerce. The week has been the best since late December and today has seen the market as it was on ordinary days in the market. A little more than 700 bales were sold and today wagons have been hauling the cotton to the market.

An addition to the cotton sold more than 200 bales of fringes were hauled to town and stored in the rail yard on Luskwood street in North. This will be marketed this week. It is said that most of the cotton was brought to town by John Moore Lee and Leonard Moore.

Many of the fringes were held from 100 to 200 bales and were placed there for the market within a few days. The cotton continues to climb. A large part of the cotton already marketed was brought to town by John Moore Lee and Leonard Moore.

A large part of the cotton sold in this week is being used in the commercial fields of the county, but many of them are being used for other purposes.

RAPID RISE OF RIVER THREATENS TO BLOCK KINSTON TRAFFIC

Kinston, Feb. 22.—Neuse river, rising rapidly here today threatened railway communication over the Kinston-Carolina line and practically blocked Caswell street bridge to traffic. Railroad crews made repairs to get trains through. A big washout was threatened tonight. Authorities were expected to order the bridge closed to traffic. The stage was several feet below the 1919 record but the stream rose steadily.

North Carolina has at the present time under actual construction or contracted for 581 miles of road of the top soil, sand, gravel or gravel type, costing \$5,100,000; approximately 200 miles of the various hard surface types costing \$8,750,000; bridge work costing approximately \$400,000.

During the year there has been completed approximately 280 miles of the top soil, sand, gravel or gravel type costing in round figures \$4,000,000; 85 miles of the various hard surface types which cost approximately \$3,000,000; and bridge work costing approximately \$250,000.

These figures include both Federal Aid and state work but do not include work that is being done by counties, of which we have no record. It is expected that during the coming year approximately 400 miles of paving work and 600 miles of other types of roads will be let to contract.—H. K. Witherspoon, Manufacturers Record.

Benson Trains Wilmington
Chapel Hill, Feb. 22.—Benson High school basketball team trimmed Wilmington here tonight in the Eastern elimination series 37-17.

Benson took the lead early and was never threatened though Wilmington tightened somewhat early in the second half.

Hudson and Stone shot six court goals each for Benson while Howlet was outstanding for the Wilmington quint scoring all seventeen of his points.

FARM AGENT IS ASSURED DUNN BY CHAMBERS' WORK

Money Required By Government Raised By Director Eugene T. Draper

D. L. LATHAM IS MAN CHOSEN FOR THE JOB

Will Establish Temporary Office in Chamber of Commerce But Will Later Move To Municipal Building If Commissioners Provide Him A Room There.

After a whirlwind campaign to raise \$1,000 to guarantee the community's good faith Eugene T. Draper, director of the department of agriculture of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, yesterday announced the realization of his dream to have a farm demonstration agent assigned to the Dunn District. The money was assured after less than twenty-four hours of solicitation in Dunn and Duke, and T. D. McLenn, district demonstration agent, who was here to co-operate with Mr. Draper and Secretary T. L. Riddle, assured them that an agent would be assigned as soon as possible.

D. L. Latham, now serving at Washington, N. C., is the man chosen by Mr. McLenn to fill the job here. He has the very highest recommendation from the extension service of the State Department of Agriculture and will prove of invaluable aid to the Chamber of Commerce in its efforts to foster diversified farming in the district and to the farmers who are soon to face problems that they have not encountered before.

Temporarily the new agent probably will establish offices in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Later an effort will be made to induce the board of town commissioners to provide offices for him in the Municipal Building where he would be much easier of access to farmers who would want to confer with him concerning their problems.

The agent will advise farmers on what to grow and how to grow them, what seeds and implements to use and how best to get the most out of their work generally. He will have the agricultural departments of the State and Federal governments behind him all the time and will spend much time with the farmers on their farms. Mr. Latham, too, will be able to aid farmers in their stock raising and dairying efforts and to give them the best of advice on hog and poultry raising.

The Chamber of Commerce in making its first move to get an agent for Harnett County went before the Board of County Commissioners and asked for an appropriation to pay that part of his salary and expenses not paid by the State and Federal governments. The commissioners, however, refused to make the appropriation. Then the chamber agreed to raise the necessary money if the extension service would accept it and assign a man for work in the townships of Avonshero, Duke and Grove.

Abe Martin "said a mouthful" when he remarked: "Joe Lark bought a pair of shoes today, with some money he had left from the Wilson administration."

SEMINOLE PLANT AT WORK; EXPECTS PROFITABLE YEAR

With a force of twenty men and under the superintendency of Stone-ward Stewart the Seminole Phosphate Company's plant here began work on its 1922 fertilizer orders last week. It is now manufacturing and mixing about 100 tons of fertilizers each day, but will increase the production to its full capacity of 175 tons within a few days.

Officers of the Seminole company expect this to be one of their most prosperous years. With the worth of their product thoroughly demonstrated, they find no difficulty in selling the company's product to farmers of this section.

and tobacco and coffee to suppress the childish pangs of hunger and cut down the grocery bills. It developed that some persons in the city are living on 75 cents a week or less to cover the cost of food, clothing, light, fuel and shelter. Many never get eggs milk or butter, and the daily fare of some consisted of collards or cabbage and pork.

He found that some children with the physical age of a dozen years have attained the mental age of only half their number. Examination revealed that some children remain at a standstill for years at a time. Such children cannot properly pursue their studies and take up more time than 10 or 15 normal children. They distract the attention of other children and are a constant source of nervous strain to the teachers. He suggested that these undernourished children might be helped by the establishment of a lunch room or diet kitchen in the school.

COTTON DELEGATES MEET FOR BIG CONFERENCE

Gather In New Orleans Today—Movement Started By North Carolina Legislators

New Orleans, Feb. 22.—Delegates from the principal cotton producing states are arriving here tonight to attend a conference, opening tomorrow, called for the purpose of "establishing the reason why the production of cotton is unprofitable and to find a remedy for that condition, if possible."

The conference is the result of a movement instituted by the legislature of North Carolina recently when it passed a resolution asking Governor Cameron Morrison, of that state, to invite Governors of other cotton producing States to name three delegates each to meet with representatives from North Carolina to take up the study of the question.

SQUARE DEAL FOR SOLDIERS URGED

Charlotte Attorney Says Time For Speech-Making Has Passed

Charlotte, Feb. 22.—"When a man got out of the penitentiary and showed good behavior for three years he was again given the right of citizenship, but with John M. Morched dispensing national patronage and Governor Morrison dispensing patronage, God only knows how long it will be before the disability of the former service man will disappear," said Joe A. Lockhart of the Charlotte bar, former service man and former member of the North Carolina General Assembly at a meeting of the local post of the American Legion here tonight.

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The government has broken faith with the former service men and the men who whooped it up the loudest and told us there would be nothing too good for us when we returned, are among those now who are fighting the hardest to keep the money they made during the war while we were targets for German bullets.

"Secretary Daniels took care of the sailors who entered the service for the emergency, but the War Department has gone back on the promise made the men in that branch of the service," the speaker said. Mr. Lockhart, who had parts of his limbs shot away in France, was cheered to the echo by the nearly 1,000 men at the meeting, which was in the form of a Washington's Birthday celebration.

We are disappointed to see that the Great White Way in New York, the Broadway which is described as the broad road to perdition, has not improved imperceptibly. John J. Birch, superintendent of the educational department of the New York Civic League, writes in the Reform Bulletin: "The zero hour of human degradation has been reached in the dance halls. . . In New York the night life is becoming wilder and the cafes and clubs are open until the break of dawn." But New York is not alone in its degradation: "Cornelian dances and pajama parties seem to be especially flagrant in the Middle West. 'Petting parties,' the shimmy, bunny hugs and moonlight dances are favorites with the young people."

Perhaps things are not worse than they used to be, but it is pretty certain that they are not better, and we were assured that they would be—Philadelphia Record.

Several eye witnesses watching the Roma soaring above the army base shortly before the death plunge of the giant dirigible claim they saw wisps of smoke darting out of the side of the huge gas bag. A moment later the volume of smoke increased and soon became a yellowish glow, then a moment later the huge blimp whirled downward and collapsed near the army base fire station in a mass of flames.

Firemen immediately began fighting the blaze, which burned fiercely, being fed by an enormous supply of gas escaping from the shattered envelope.

34 DIE WHEN BIG AIRSHIP CRASHES AT LANGLEY FIELD

Dirigible Roma Falls While On Trial Flight And Is Burned

HITS HIGH TENSION ELECTRIC WIRES IN FALL

Crippled By Trouble With Steering Gear, Great Ship Falls 1,000 Feet To Destruction—Bodies Of Dead Charned By Deadly Flames—3 Escape.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 21.—Of the forty-six Army Air Service officers, enlisted men and civilians who left Langley Field air station at 1:45 this afternoon on what proved to be the last flight of the giant army dirigible Roma, thirty-four are dead, the bodies of many of them being charred beyond recognition, and eight survivors are in the Army Public Health Service hospital here suffering from shock, burns and bruises.

In less than an hour after starting off her moorings at her hanger across Hampton Roads, the Roma was a tangled mass of wreckage, the huge gas bag being completely destroyed by fire after a fatal nose dive while soaring above the army supply base here.

Some of Disaster
Only the bent and twisted framework remained to mark the scene of the disaster, when the search of the debris was ended tonight after the last body had been recovered.

Three of those on board of the ill-fated airship escaped with only slight injuries. They are:

Lieutenant Byron T. Burt, Sergeant Vernon Peak and Roy Hurley, a civilian.

Explosion Theories
Many who witnessed the disaster are inclined to the belief that the explosion which caused the destruction of the Roma was caused by contact with high voltage electric wires. This theory, however, is contradicted by others who claim that the airship was blown before the disaster.

The Roma was on its last flight since the installation of Liberty motors which were recently substituted for propelling machinery furnished by the Italian government, which sold the huge dirigible to the United States government.

So Close Was
The huge aircraft was hurried to her fate by striking a net of 2,300 volt highpower wires as her pilot was apparently trying to bring her to an easy landing as possible.

Crippled by trouble with her rudder, she was being dropped to the ground from a height of 1,000 feet over a distance of scarcely more than five hundred yards.

Her contact with the high voltage wires, which she tore asunder, started her gas bag afire and the explosion followed as the nose of the craft struck a pile of car material a few feet beyond.

The explosion sent flames 800 feet in the air as eight of her survivors leaped from the "deck" of the ship. Three others were dragged from the mass of wreckage and flames.

Bodies Charned
The bodies of thirty-one had been taken out at 6 o'clock, and officers who knew personally many of the officers and enlisted men were unable to identify a single one of the victims so badly charred was actually cooked to death in the mass of wreckage when the explosion and flames encompassed them.

Only those in the forward part of the operating compartment of the ship had a chance for their lives. Several were injured severely by jumping, but three came out practically unharmed and were discharged from the hospital within a few hours after the disaster.

Lieutenant Burt, who with Captain Reed was the principal pilot of the Roma, was one of those. He jumped when the ship was only a few yards from the ground. A civilian, Roy Hurley, also escaped unharmed, as did Master Sergeant Peak.