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How many of us when we are reading, note various descriptive expressions? A little more attention paid to description would improve our conservation considerably.

The following was observed by the writer while reading a new book, Hervey Allen, author of Anthony Adverse: . . . "two mighty ranges of the Appalachians shouldered their way into the blue distance like tremendous caravans marching against eternity."

Why is it that an organization as large as the State Highway System will send a crew of men to work using dangerous machinery without a single person in the crew knowing first aid? Monday a Negro working on the highway near Kenansville was caught under a heavy road machine and his right leg crushed nearly off. Reports said that he lost over half a gallon of blood before reaching a doctor and no one had attempted to cord his leg.

Have you ever stood before a judge—and he is only a human being just like you and I—and heard him pronounce the death sentence? It is a terrible thing. No matter how hard, mean or brutal the victim may be, it is about the most touching experience the writer has ever had. Three Negroes, guilty of a heinous crime are sitting before a Judge and he tells them the day and between what hours their life will be taken from them .

Sitting in a court room filled with hundreds of people, all free to go and come as they may. It is only a few steps to the open door and a full life, if they had only thought before acting they would be as free as every one else. But society must have laws and they must be enforced. The three Negroes broke the law and they must pay the penalty. They are taken from the court room, put into an automobile and rushed away to Raleigh where they must wait for death. Yes, they know the day, and just about the hour when they will be marched to the death chamber, seated in a chair and poisonous gas made to come over their bodies until they are dead. Every minute passing they are conscious of that day when they must die. They could be free, in the fields at work. But they have violated the law, they have committed a crime and they must pay with their lives. Society is avenged.

## Sunday School Lesson

October 17, 1937
By Rev. F. L. Goodman
THE TONGUE
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James, the pastor of the Church as Jerusalem is warning about thfe dangers of the tongue. It is dangerous. It is a fire. It sets on fire of Hell. If so dangerous then it should be controlled. James goes on to give us a lecture on the use of the tongue which we will follow here. 1. Christian teachers need control of tongue. James is here speaking of those who teach. They must be careful as to what they teach and we don't need too many teachers anyway. People were rising up all over the church claiming that they have a right to teach but James seems to think differently. Be careful who teachee, and let that one be careful what he teaches. Those who teach need to be very carful that the teach the Truth, and not some fancy that they have found.

2. The tongue should be controlled because it is such a power. It is like the bit of the bridle and the rudder of the ship, or the spark in the leaves.

It starts something. If in the wrong way, then of fire of Hell, and if the right way then to praise of God. A word can ruin some one's character. A word can send a soul to hell, a word can break homes, communities and nations. Also a word can bring a man to Christ, can encourage one to go on, can bring peace in the home or nation. It is so powerful, be careful with it.

3. James says that the tongue is hard to control. Man has been able to tame all animal life, he cai control the elements, lightning floods, fire, etc., but no man has been able to control the tongue. Most people talk too much and set out fires of destruction. James says the tongue portrays what is in the heart, and when there is wickedness and rebellion there it comes out in a man's speech.

4. James says that we are often inconsistent in the use of the tongue. One minute we are praising God and another we are cursing men who rae made in the image of God. James says when we do that it clearly shows that our religion is just for outward show and not real. No man who has been redeemed by Jesus is going to have the hostile attitude tow- and man. When we are two faced, one face is always a put on one, a . no Christian can be two-faced. so any man that appears that way must be out of God.

5 James says that thes tongues can be controlled, but only by the power of God. Your tongue is being controlled by Satan or by God. The fruits that it bears tell whie his in power in your life. You can tell by the fruits. What are the fruits coming from in fruitsyour life. "Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth." You can control your tongue, if you are willing to let God control your life. Watch your tongue. Be careful what you say, when you speak, and where you speak. Jesus can help you do that if you will let Him.

## To BE-LIEVE or Not To BE-LIEVE

by hugh maxwell

FOLKS, if you have been faithfully keeping up with this so-called column you probably had a little trouble finding it week-before-last. You hunted about all over the paper and finally found it in the center of the back page. Then last week you continued to look and never did find it. In order to relive the puzzlement of your abused minds, we might as well explain here and now. It was a question of not being able to do any better. Business has been increasing so fast that for two weeks we had no other place to put our regular stuff. But you will no longer have any trouble finding your well-loved journalistic musings. From now on your columnist shall retain title to a spot on the editorial page, where he should have been placed to begin with.

AND now to drag up the past. Have you heard about the embarrassment your columnist got into with his professed interest in photography. He was busily engaged last week in getting exclusive photos of the negroes condemned to die for raping a white girl, and had gone so far as to enter the courtroom to snap a few shots before the trial began. While he was absorbed in his work, things began to happen unbeknownst to his unworthy self, and the first thing he knew Judge Henry Grady was saying from the bench, "Young man with the camera, come up here and tear up that roll of film in the presence of the court." Biggest crowd in the courtroom ever seen there, too.

HE told you about that in his column last week, which failed to appear. He also told you then about the Times receiving a newspaper from Kenansville, Florida, and elaborated on the interest thereby create but somebody else apparently saw it, and one of his contemporaries with kleptomaniacal tendencies has the story in his or her column this week. Ah, such is life. (Sue, 'em, Hughie, for plagiarism.)

AT any rate your correspondent learned one thing from that paper which came from Kenansville. He is no longer ingnorant as to the meaning of the term "jook joint," although he admits that he is a little hazy as to its derivation. He first saw the term in a blazing headline which ran, "Attorney Jolts Jook Joints." Upon strict examination he found that the term referred to certain dance halls and beer parlors with very loose ideas as to the proper age and duties of hostesses employed there.

HOW many of you ever heard of the "Prince"? Oh, you haven't? Then you have probably heard of the writer of the column "Our Yesterdays." We just wanted to tell you that in addition to his many other duties, the Prince is also semi-official information bureau for the entire section. If you ever want to know anything about anything ask him.

IN case you would like to know, you may ask him why I'm stepping for this week, and hoping that some of you do something nausual to make this piece more interesting next week.







## Birth Rate Holds Lead Over 1936

Raleigh, Oct. 14.—North Carolina's birth rate continued to hold a lead over the previous year the first eight months of 1937, while the death rate showed a decline under the 1936 figures, it is revealed in reports compiled by the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Board of Health. There was a rise in infant mortality deaths, however, while maternal deaths showed a decline. During the first eight months of this present year there were 3,018 deaths among infants under one year old, as compared with 3,380 the corresponding period in 1936. It also appears that there were 616 deaths from diarrhea and enteritis among children under two, as compared with 447 from January through August last year. Here, the percentage of increase was considerable.

Through August, in 1937, there were 80,978 little North Carolinians born, as compared with 81,831 the same period last year, a gain of 1,147, while deaths recorded this year numbered 37,856, which, compared with 34,307 the first eight months of 1936, reflected a decline of 2,963. Maternal deaths during the period so far reported this year numbered 301, while last year's total in North Carolina through August was 335.

The largest number of births in a single months this year, so far, was 7,197 in June, this figure having also exceeded all months in the corresponding period of 1936. Fewest births occurred in January, when the total was only 6,108, while April, last year, with 6,078 held the low record for that period. The largest number of deaths this year in a single month was 3,577 in March, while the lowest, 3,374, occurred in August.

Infant mortality, under through August this year, totaled 1,[illegible] as compared with 1,172 the corresponding period of 1936. Maternal deaths took a toll of 256, as compared with 24 in the same period last year.

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# Our Yesterdays

History — Biography — Genealogy

(By A. T. OUTLAW)

THE SLAVE INSURRECTION CONSPIRACY:

An interesting chapter in our history is the slave troubles of 1831. During the month of August one Nat Turner, a slave, of Southampton County, Virginia, led an insurrection of the slaves in that County. They murdered fifty-odd white persons, including many helpless women and children. Nat and several of his gang were captured and promptly executed. It is believ- of Duplin and Sampson Coun- er indirectly, by the said Nat insurrection in this section. A the month of September and arrested. It is recorded that a er in substantially the follow-

County, September 13, 1831.

m County have been alarmed . We have ten or fifteen in t of them will be bound over testimony that will implicate We wish you to issue an or- e County to appoint a guard . The people of Duplin Coun- w being held and have found een put to death. There was and Duplin before." Signed , R. C. Holmes, H. C. Holm-

ere indicted and imprisoned following names have been Y, slaves belonging to Colonel longing to Rev. Samuel Stan- . Peter Carlton, and ERWIN, nk) Monk. They were tried John R. Donnell, Judge pre- Solicitor for the State, and ore, Williams Cooper, Joseph n, Samuel Houston, Daniel Libeus Middleton, William Jeremiah Sandlin. The jury e County afforded. One hun- oned by the Sheriff, Colonel we, a slave belonging to Dr. ve belonging to Mrs. Moore, nty jail as necessary witness- rned to Sampson jail.

e following verdict: "We find the defendants Pizzah, Jerry and Pompey guilty of the felony and conspiracy as charged in the bill of indictment, and further find the defendants John, Sam and Erwin, not guilty." The day was September 30, 1831. On the next day the Judgment of the Court, as recorded by Honorable Jeremiah Pearsall, Clerk, was as follows: "The defendants being brought to the Bar, the Solicitor for the State moved for the Judgment of the Court, whereupon the Court asked the defendant prisoners why judgment of death should not be passed upon them and no reason being offered the Court proceeded to the following judgment, viz: That the said Pizzah, Jerry and Pompey be taken to the jail of the County and from thence to the place of public execution and be there hung by the neck until they be dead, and that this judgment be carried into execution by the Sheriff of Duplin County on Saturday the eighth of October between the hours of ten o'clock in the morning and four o'clock in the evening."

Elijah, a slave belonging to Rev. Robert Tate of New Hanover (now Pender) County, was brought into Duplin Superior Court at March term, 1832, charged with conspiracy. He was in the custody of Sheriff Gabriel Holmes, of New Hanover, tried before Judge James Martin, and dismissed.

Apparently the conspiracy troubles were then ended as nothing more of it has been found in the public records.

imed 183 victims, as compared with 158 last year, while Poliomyelitis claimed a dozen last year, through August, the total was just ten.

Plans have just been completed to work the Johnston County terracing unit twelve months a year instead of eight.

Six upright silos have been constructed by Buncombe County farmers within the past few weeks.

Four-H Club boys of Columbus County have made outstanding records this year with their corn projects. Many adult farmers are planning to buy their seed corn next year from these boys.