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To BE-LIEVE or Not To BELIEVE

by Hugh Maxwell

HERE it is Thanksgiving, and your old correspondent is wondering which of his many blessings he should be thankful for. Come to think of it, there are so many that he might just kick about things he doesn't have. And don't start looking sour. You too have more blessings than hardships.

TAKE Jerry Smith there, for instance, who went fishing the other day. He might kick because he didn't get a longer string of fish, but look what happened. He caught two chubs on one cast, which is something to be proud of. Jerry said that he was using a fly with three hooks, and apparently the fish tried to fight over it.

THEN look at "Peavine" Reynolds. He had to sell books to help work his way through college in order to become your county Agent, and he might have thought it pretty hard on him. But according to his wife that is where "Peavine" got his name. He covered territory so fast that he was likened to a peavine, which spreads, and spreads and spreads.

ONE thing which almost everybody in the South enjoys, and for which they should be thankful, is particularly in evidence during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. That is the common fireplace. A home without a fireplace can never be a real home. On cold days or nights when one is at leisure and sits at home resting, it is a real advantage. The fireplace brings life into the room. It animates thoughts and makes them go tripping through the mind in joyous profusion, prancing and gliding about in such a manner as to bring real contentment to their owner. Without that source of warmth and life, a room is dead. All it is fit for is to be used as a place to sleep.

ALL of which gets us just nowhere, but we still think it is worth saying. Hope you all enjoy that old roast turkey, or duck, or what have you. But the proof of the Thanksgiving dinner is in the eating, and we have work to do. So see you after Thanksgiving.

Shed Animal Live

VIRGINIA KNOWLES, twelve, who spends most of her time helping in the Miami animal hospital of her father, Dr. V. Knowles, is believed the world's youngest veterinary student. Her unusual aptitude for the fascinating work of mercy is readily apparent, whether she be "shooting" a pill down a dog's throat (as shown at right), helping Dad treat a four-toed patient for skin trouble (below) or administering an anesthetic for a canine surgical operation (pictured in circles). Trained since she was six, Virginia now is a "specialist" in skin disorders.



—He Rescues Baby Birds

WAYWARD offspring of the world-famous mission swallows of San Juan Capistrano (Call) are the objects of Father Arthur J. Hutchinson's mercy. Faced with the problem of fledglings that fall from their nests in the mission ruins and become injured, the Padre enlisted the help of Mrs. Reyes Yorba, guide, and formed a "hospital" on a street near the mission gate. Here the kindly bird doctors maintain a routine as rigid as that of any well-organized infirmary. Several times a day the little feathered patients are fed hamburger from the tip of Mrs. Yorba's finger. This is washed down with water from an eyedropper. Wounded legs and wings are carefully massaged at regular intervals. As a result, the fledglings never fly with their parents to seek food, but stay in the mission gardens, where they are protected from harm.

Perhaps the friendliness of Father Hutchinson (left) is what brings the swallows back by the thousands, on the same day, March 19, of every year.

The little fellow at the right is ruffling his feathers in joyous anticipation of the tasty morsel he is about to receive.

Here is a baby swallow taking a drink of water from an eyedropper.

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EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

It is an interesting fact that Duplin County ranked among the foremost counties of the State in the number of educational institutions during the years prior to the beginning of the public or free school system. This fact proves the forwardness of the people of Duplin County and also proves the statement that the collapse of our early common schools severely withered our county in the State. Many of North Carolina's most distinguished scholars were students in Duplin's early institutions. Even after the beginning of the public school system, about the year 1850, other private institutions were organized. Some of them operated for only a short time and others lasted until recent years. The following, probably incomplete, is a list of those organized prior to the Civil War:

GROVE ACADEMY. Located near the present town of Kenansville, was established during the year 1785. The original trustees were Colonel Thomas Kenan, General James Kenan, Colonel David Dobbins, Colonel William Hoke, Major James H. Jespie, Major Thomas Gray, John Foster, Israel Borden and Joseph Dickson. It will be seen that this old academy was established prior to our State University. With few interruptions, it was in operation until about thirty years ago.

ANGEL ACADEMY. Located on State's Hill, was a branch of Beaufort, in the southern part of the County near the present town of Wallace. The date of organization and the names of trustees cannot be given. In Book 3A, page 145, of Duplin County Registry, it is referred to as "Angel's School house," dated 1794.

GREENE ACADEMY. Located at present unknown and no definite information is at hand concerning it. It was organized about the year 1810.

GOSHEN ACADEMY. Located in the upper Goshen section of the County and near the home of Benjamin Hodges. It was organized about the year 1810-14. No further information.

About the year 1814 there was an Act of the General Assembly "To establish a free school in Duplin" but no definite information can be given at this time.

FRIENDSHIP ACADEMY. Located in the Friendship community, was established by an Act of the General Assembly in the year 1823. The original trustees were Colonel David Hoke, Colonel James K. Hill, Marshall H. Hoke, Henry Winder, Robert McGowan, Andrew Hunt, Thomas Hatten, Robert Middleton and David Wright.

WILLIAMS ACADEMY. Located in the neighborhood of the Cooper old mill, was established during the year 1825. The trustees were General William L. Hill, John Cooper, Benjamin Cooper, Blaney Williams, Benajah Williams, Francis Williams, Robert Middleton, David Middleton, Libens Middleton, James Middleton, Benjamin Best, Jr., Benjamin Best, Jr., Gerald Blackmore, John Boyette and Thomas Phillips.

LINE ACADEMY. Located in Sampson County just across the Duplin-Sampson line and was really a Duplin-Sampson institution. It was established during the year 1825. Six of the original thirteen trustees were citizens of Duplin, as follows: Colonel Thomas Kenan, Daniel L. Kenan, John W. Whitfield, James M. Nixon, William Wright and John Beck Wright. The others of the original trustees were citizens of Sampson as follows: Thomas K. Morrissey, William Morrissey, Daniel Jordan, Curtis Thomson, Wright Faison, Thomas L. Faison and John Haywood Hicks.

BETHEL ACADEMY. Located in the lower Goshen neighborhood and near where Wesley church now stands. It was established in the year 1825. The original trustees were Richard David D. Shattuck, General Stephen Miller, Richard Miller, George Miller, Major George E. Houston, James Fearrell, Jeremiah Fearrell, James Chambers, Charles Chambers, John Chambers and Howell Best.

HANNAH MOORE ACADEMY. Located in the lower Goshen neighborhood and only a few miles from Bethel Academy. The date of organization cannot be given. In a deed from James Fearrell, dated 1837, the following named persons were trustees: General Stephen Miller, Richard Miller, Jeremiah Fearrell, William D. Fearrell, Edward Hill, Thomas Hill, Gerald Blackmore, Harper Williams, James M. Larkins and John Oliver.

WARRINGTON ACADEMY. Located in the Outlaw's bridge community. It was established prior to or about the year 1848. In a deed from Captain William Outlaw, dated 1848, the following named persons were trustees: Bryan K. Outlaw, Joseph W. Outlaw, Grady Outlaw, James Outlaw and George Outlaw.

DUNE FAISON ACADEMY. Located in the neighborhood of the present town of Faison, organized prior to or about the year 1848. In a deed from James Dunn, dated 1848, the following named persons were trustees: G. W. Luffman, James Hicks, Kirby Faison and Isham Hicks.

WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL. Located at Warsaw, was established about the year 1865. In a deed from General William L. Hill, dated January 25, 1855, the following named persons were trustees: Colonel Almer M. Faison, Felix B. Millard and Curtis C. Oates.

MAGNOLIA MALE ACADEMY. Located at Magnolia, was incorporated March 31, 1868. The academy site was given by Milton E. DeVane, Leonard A. Harriman, Alfred M. Ruckley and James B. B. Monk.

LA PLACE ACADEMY. Located in the northern end of the County, was organized prior to or about the year 1861. In a deed from Benjamin E. Cobb, dated 1861, the following named persons were trustees: John Sutherland and Alexander S. Duvall.

FRANKLIN MILITARY INSTITUTE. Located a few miles east of Faison, was organized a short time prior to the Civil War and was operated by Captain Claude B. Denton. Practically all of the students entered the service of the Confederacy in a company commanded by Captain Denton.

KENANSVILLE SEMINARY. Located at Kenansville, was organized about the year 1860 as shown by a deed from Dr. Needham W. Herring to the trustees, dated July 10, 1858. In the year 1901 the trustees were as follows: Debra Carr, James Dickson, Dickson Hallard, James E. Hall, Robert K. Carr, James E. Carr, James M. Sprunt, Owen E. Sprunt, Isaac B. Kelly, Chancy W. Graham and William E. Hill. The Seminary was later known as Webster Institute and was run by Dr. R. W. Millard who operated the school for many years.

This concludes an outline of educational institutions in Duplin County prior to the Civil War. A full description of each institution would require considerable time and research. Later institutions and an outline of the public or free school system in Duplin County may later appear in this column.

Such sad spectacles as the current sandwich suit for alienation of affection makes one wonder if it's worse to Liverwurst to die.

Congress is trying to pass an anti-lynching bill now. Maybe members are anticipating what will happen if they don't get to work and pass the right bills.

We often wonder what turkeys think about at this time of year. Could they be as thankful for us as we are for them?

Some people never come nearer to art than when they draw their own conclusions.

Others are so proficient that they can do excellent jobs without even a brush. They just paint the town red.

We wonder what the Japanese warriors are going to do when China is overrun and there is no more war to keep their people blind with patriotism.

King George of England recently set a precedent by calling for a dance orchestra, but he will be following custom when he starts dancing to the tune set by his prime minister.

Thanks for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is upon us, and a spirit prevails that cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year, or by any people other than "we, the citizens of these United States."

Inborn in our hearts even more than in our minds is sympathy with, and appreciation for, our forefathers who suffered hardships and catastrophe to tame this great land and make it ours to keep forever. Those hardy men hewed them a nation from the rough timbers of the North Carolina pines and spruce of Maine. And we give thanks that we had such parents, who made possible our present wealth.

Those men fought for the country they were making. They understood the manner in which they had to hold it. And we, today, understand that we are still fighting to hold it, but in a different way. Our ancestors fought the Indians who would have destroyed their homes and families; we fight Fascism, and other schemes of depraved minds, which would take our nation. They fought the tyranny of Britain and the greed of France; we fight the nations who in the guise of friends would hurl us into war, perhaps to weaken and destroy us. They fought hunger and starvation; we fight the evils of poor distribution, which allow starvation in the midst of plenty.

We still fight, but we also understand why we fight, and are thankful for that understanding. We will win, as our forefathers won, and on this day we gather with the spirits of those men, so like ourselves, to eat and drink together, and offer up to God thanks for His assurance and for the blessings of the past and future.

RIGHT OUT OF THE AIR!

By EARLE FERRIS

SON had to break himself of a lifelong habit when he entered the mammy singer usually snapped his fingers in time to the music while on the stage. He absentmindedly did the same thing during a broadcast and it cost him his job. He was so startled by the sound of his own hand snapping that he ran to the control booth and begged for mercy. He was told that he was no longer needed and was to be replaced by a more professional singer.

There was a fancy Hollywood premiere of Dorothy Lamour's current motion picture so what could be said about it?

More natural than that Charlie McCarthy should attend? Edgar Bergen, Charlie and Dorothy Lamour rode down Wilshire Boulevard in a horse-drawn victoria carriage, preceded by a motorcycle escort. So famous has the Lamour-McCarthy "romance" become, as a result of the Sunday evening radio program on which they both appear, that they were cheered while driving down the boulevard.

M. R. H. Joachim, producer of "Your Unseen Friend," is "unseen" by his noting cast during dress rehearsal. To get the listeners' point of view Joachim stands in the control room with his back turned to the studio and checks the program via ear-phones.

Don Voorhes, musical director of "Cavalcade of America," is a much sought-after pianist when arguments about history arise at the CBS studios. Don's program dramatizes colorful episodes in the lives of important men of history who have no right to be in the spot light of the hour and in order to

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In the multitude of counselors there is safety.

NOVEMBER
 26—The first street railway car exhibited and operated, 1823.
 27—Moran and Hines escaped from Ohio penitentiary, 1863.
 28—First United States Post Office opened in New York City, 1793.
 29—Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd makes flight over South Pole, 1929.
 30—The "Rainbow Division," representing every state, reached France, 1917.

DECEMBER
 1—Patent granted for making artificial limbs, 1863.
 2—Monroe Doctrine announced, 1823.

PINK HILL

Prof. R. A. Winfield is ill at the Tayloe Hospital in Washington, N. C.

Mrs. Jones Smith and Miss Celia Maxwell were Greenville visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones spent the week end in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Smith of Pink Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stroud of Kenansville are spending sometime in Georgia and points of Florida.

Little Miss Patricia May spent the week end in Wallace with relatives.

Rev. L. E. Wells, of Teachey, filled an appointment at the Presbyterian church here Sunday, Rev. W. H. Eubanks being away conducting a revival at Williamston.

Miss Davis Smith, teacher at Stanhope, spent the week end at her home near here.

Mr. Joe Tyndall of Knoxville, Tenn., is visiting relatives here for a few days.

School will be suspended here from Wed. Nov. 24th. to Nov. 28, for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Rev. Howard McLaugh attended the N. C. Conference of the Methodist Church at Raleigh the past week.

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