

# Chinquapin Chats

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Do you have a pet peeve for the week? Mine is to start paying bills for the first of the month and find I lack just a few more dollars to pay them with.

News this week is as 'acute' to me as 'hen's teeth'—so for a little while.

Memorial Day is not just a day to

buy Poppies. It should also remind us all again of all the Daises growing over acres and acres of unknown soil to most of us and which has failed again to solve all the turmoil in the world.

Fifty years ago some woman editor recommended Dutch and Linen skirts for all around usefulness—also if a lady had one or two blous-

es she could feel at ease on any occasion. Little did she know how obsolete a blouse has almost become in these modern times.

There's very little that can give a 'gal' a boost in these tobacco sitting drifty, droopy, nasty weather times as much as a big fashion book to drool over. But if you girls sit home and wait for the 'one and only' you may be left sad and lonely.

Joy, is Love—making it's air and sunshine, while hords of people see nothing but gloom. Yet patience is often mistakenly simple not being able to think of any thing to do. We don't need a receipt for happiness near so much as sense to appreciate what we already have. And we must believe in what we do if we expect to achieve much in life. Do you have to engrave the memories to think and do the bad ones or, or do the bad ones seem to just stick in your mind?

The 'good old days' has been defined as this, 'When a young man had nothing better to read than a dime novel.' Now days, there's nothing much a dime will buy and most of the best things in life are married—and very little FREE.

Life is something like Christmas. We usually get what we expected. We can be sure though our friends will always knock on our door before entering, and never knock after leaving. Like the records of our lives written on our faces, but we may be thankful that few people can translate them.

Politics are really warming up these days from the Presidency on down. We are beginning to become aware of the meaning of the 'button' and what it should be used for, and wish some or most of the candidates would use them, if you get what I mean.

If the new brides of today think they have a hard time keeping an eye on their spouses, just wait and see the brides of tomorrow when the atom planes, (which are now in production) can circle the globe and back in twenty four hours in time to arouse the beauty name of the 'better halver' for breakfast. In case of any delay, they can still use the old alibi, perhaps—Run out of Atom.

If you don't think our school teachers should get more pay here's one example. One of our smaller grade pupils hurried home to her mother recently and told her the teacher asked her to describe the use of the word DAM. Which she quickly told the teacher there were two DAMS—one a river dam and Dam I Reckon—the heavy knock of someone's loose tongue. But, who hasn't heard that one?

The earliest garden seems to belong to V. Milloy this year or so it seems. She boasts of having already, pole bean, melons, cucumber, peanuts, corn tassels, cantalope blossoms and etc. In explaining how to manage to have it so early by being just another fast worker, or lucky, and steady work.

Bible classes are reported to be ready to begin a week's study for the young folks here Friday. The Presbyterian church held it's classes there this year as the church would not hold all the attendances which is a remarkable thing in Chinquapin and an occasion to be proud of. We hope all the young folks will attend.

Mrs. Hazel Dall who recently underwent a major operation in a Kinston Hospital recently is still on the critical list. All her friends and neighbors wish her a speedy recovery and well enough to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Betty Brant recently returned home after a visit with Mr. Brant's home and parents of Ulma, S. C. Mr. Brant recently returned from the Korean War Zone where he has been confined in a Japan Hospital suffering from a broken arm and other injuries.

Miss Annette Gatlin returned home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sanderson Sunday afternoon, of Wallace.

## Middle Age - Why Not Enjoy It?

Continued from Front Sect. III because we will be more understanding. Adulthood is a rich and rewarding experience, it's the time for putting into effect all we have learned about life.

Dr. Harry Overstreet has written a book that ought to help most of us, his Mature Mind, and he concludes with these apt words.

"Where there is no vision, we are told, the people perish. Where there is no maturity there is no vision. We realize that the evils of our life come not from deep evil within us but from ungrown-up responses to life. Our obligation, then, is to grow up. This is what our time requires of us. This is yet may be the saving of us."

### LIGHT VERSE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Waste  
I had written to Aunt Maud,  
Who was on a trip abroad,  
When I heard she'd died of cramp  
Just too late to save the stamp.  
—Harry Graham

Mr. Jones  
There's been an accident, they said,  
'Your servant's cut in half; he's dead!  
'Indeed!' said Mr. Jones, 'and please,  
Send me the half that's got my keys.'  
—Harry Graham

Epigram  
Sir, I admit your general rule  
That every poet is a fool,  
But you yourself may prove to show  
That every fool is not a poet.

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