

TODAY and TOMORROW

REPORTER At 68 Years
My friend Frederick T. Birchall of the New York Times received the Pulitzer Prize in Journalism the other day for the best work of a newspaper correspondent in 1933. That may not mean much, but it proves one thing I have long maintained. That is, that newspaper work is not, as people often say, a "young man's game."

For Fred Birchall is 68 years old, and has been a newspaper correspondent for only three years! As a very young man he worked for a short time as a reporter. Then he got an editorial job and rose through the ranks until he was acting managing editor of the Times. At 65, when most men retire, he wanted to be a reporter again, so The Times sent him to Europe to go where he pleased and write what he pleased. His dispatches from European Capitals prove that one doesn't have to be a boy to be a good reporter.

This is one occupation in which a man can keep on doing good and constantly improving work as long as his health lasts.

BRAIN doesn't wear out
The human brain doesn't wear out. It grows with use. Not long before his death I asked Thomas A. Edison how he kept his youthful outlook. He had been talking, at 82, of things he was going to do next.

"You can keep your brain young by working it hard," he replied. "It grows in power with use. The only things that grows old about a man is his body. If my stomach holds out I'll be inventing new things and better things at 100."

I am convinced that Edison was right. Of course, some men stop thinking, others never did use their brains much. But the man who has a good brain and uses it to its limit grows in ability as time goes on.

YOUTH and ambition
It is characteristic of youth that everything seems important to the young. That is natural, for everything is new to the young. Nothing like it ever happened before. Wars and depressions and hard times and debt and grand ideas for making the world over make a strong impression on youth because they are novel experiences.

In my own youth I used to hear the ancient proverb: "A man's a fool till he's forty." I didn't believe it, of course. Youth never believes that its elders know anything about its problems. But after a man has reached middle age he begins to realize that all the things that he used to get so excited about were an old story to his parents. They had been through the mill and knew the answers. And the answers were nothing like what youth thought they were.

It is perhaps, a good thing that youth does not know that most of its dreams will never come true. For unless the young believed they could accomplish miracles, they never would try. And it is only by trying to do the impossible that humanity gets a little farther along with each new generation.

GRADUATES jobs waiting
I don't know how many young men were graduated from the nation's colleges and universities this June, but I hear a great deal of talk about there being no jobs for them. There seems to be an idea prevalent that when a boy has finished college the world ought to have his pigeon-hole ready for him to crawl into and be safe and secure for the rest of his life.

That never was true and it never will be true. There are just as many jobs for the really competent as there ever were. Look around you if you don't believe that, and see if you find a man who is actually industrious, ambitious and competent who hasn't got something to do.

I talked the other day with the

vice-president of one of the big oil companies. "We can't get hold of enough ambitious young men to man our filling stations as we would like to have them manned," he said. "If you know any college boys looking for a chance to start in the oil business, send them to me."

LIFE two views
Life is whatever we choose to make it. I know two young married women who live in the same suburb. One is the happiest person I know, the other one of the most unhappy. The happy one is a college graduate, whose husband earns \$100 a week as an electrical engineer. They are paying for their home, raising two children. They keep no servant, own a Ford car, and the wife finds time to serve on the school board, pretty nearly runs the local woman's club and be the "fixer" to whom all sorts of people come with their troubles.

The unhappy woman is married to a man whose income is \$25,000 a year. They have no children, but keep three servants and two big cars. She is the best-dressed woman in their town. She spends a lot of money giving entertainments and parties. People go because they get plenty to eat and drink, but I hear folks say that to have to listen to her complaints of imaginary troubles is a high price to pay for a dinner. Life, as I said, is what you make it.

RUBBER from gas
The discovery by the research laboratory of the Du Pont Company of a way to make a substitute for rubber out of gas is one more proof of the value of pure science. Only chemists familiar with every phase of that complex science would have dreamed of the possibility that you can heat coal and limestone and from the calcium carbide thus obtained produce acetylene gas by adding water, and then by adding salt get a new chemical, chloroprene which coagulates into a substance which, while not real rubber, makes just as good automobiles tires as rubber does.

Natural rubber is so cheap now that it doesn't pay to use this new product. But if another war should send rubber up to \$2 a pound, as the last one did, or even an eighth of that price, the United States would be independent of the South America and East Indian rubber growers.

Now almost the only things that we have to import are things we could get along without in case of war, such as coffee, tea and chocolate

PLANE and Russia
A good many people seemed surprised that Russia should be able to build an airplane carrying forty passengers. The new "Maxim Gorky" with eight engines of 7,000 horsepower is reported to be a great success. Most Americans have forgotten, apparently that the largest plane that had ever been built anywhere until after the great war was the giant Sikorsky plane in 1913. Sikorsky, the Russian designer, came to America after the war and built some of the best planes we have turned out.

The war, instead of stimulating commercial aviation, set it back many years, by centering attention on military planes, which have to be totally different from commercial planes. Passenger and express planes did not really get a fair start until the old war planes had been scrapped.

The first public flight of an airplane was only 26 years ago, in June, 1908, when Glenn Curtiss flew the "June Bug" at Hammondsport, N. Y. Considering all that has happened since, we've gone a long way in flying, but there is a long way to go yet.

MOVIES house cleaning
There is great promise in the latest move to "clean up" the movies. The Federated Council of Churches of Christ in America, representing practically all of the Protestant denominations, has joined forces with the Council of Roman Catholic Bishops to take direct and aggressive action to safeguard the morals of the young folk who constitute the bulk of the movie audiences.

It is time that the churches, as the source of moral instruction, took a position in the matter of the movies from which they cannot be cajoled by the powerful political and financial interests which fatten on the distortion of the truth and the debasement of ideals

BARUCH picks up pen
My old friend Bernard M. Baruch has shaken off all of his business connection and will devote the rest of his life to writing his memoirs.

They ought to make interesting reading. A native South Carolinian, son of a Jewish surgeon in the Confederate Army, "Bernie" Baruch made himself one of the most powerful figures in finance, as well as one of the richest men in the country.

And Now A Hen Goes And Lays An Egg Shaped Like A P-Nut

What with all the hens trying to outdo one another in laying freak eggs, the matter is getting serious.

Because it's one thing for a hen to lay an egg weighing one-fourth pound, but an entirely different thing for a hen to lay an egg shaped like a peanut.

Somebody ought to put a stop to it.

But is there anyone present who knows how to put a stop to such goings on? Anyway, there comes a story from one of The Tribune correspondents who reports as follows: "Since seeing what you had to say some time ago about that wonderful egg in The Tribune, a hen belonging to Preacher Russ has come forth intending not to be outdone and has produced an egg that resembles a large peanut. (Editor's Note: Can you imagine? Tsk, tsk). It is some two inches long and about one-half inch in diameter in the middle and is larger at each end. So Yadkin county claims to have it on the Surry hen after all."

For all our correspondent knows the Surry hen may not have been half trying. Time will tell.

It will be one of the most important books ever written.

HOUSES cost too much
Most houses cost too much. Everybody who has given serious study to the subject of housing agrees to that. Better houses can be built for less money, and the day is coming when everyone will realize that. I don't know how long it will take before one can buy a house as one buys an automobile, all ready to set up and live in, but many folk predict that is coming soon.

If automobiles were built with as much waste of time and labor as goes into most houses, the cheapest car would cost \$50,000 or so.

On the other hand, many houses cost little enough. I read the other day of a family in Serbia that built itself a new house for 16 cents! That was all the money they spent, and it went for window-glass. The men-folk of the family quarried the stone, cut the wood, did all the work and built a bigger house for a growing family.

Some of my country neighbors have done almost the same thing. Good houses, too, they have constructed with their own hands. That was the way almost every house in America was built, in the pioneer days, and some of them are still livable. My own farm home, built in 1786 is good for another hundred years or more. I think we are going to see a return to simpler and less expensive housing for everybody.

Charles W. Gilliam Dies At His Home

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attended faithfully since its organization. For the past thirty years he had served as church clerk and was a leading factor in the church and Sunday school work.

The deceased was a son of the late John Gilliam and Mrs. Nancy Adams Gilliam, pioneer settlers of the Bethel community.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Laura Rose Gilliam, and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. W. A. Stroud, Wilkesboro; Mrs. W. H. Jones, Mrs. James Stroud and William Gilliam of Ronda; Don Gilliam, of Elkin; Mrs. J. B. Armstrong and Mrs. Louis Ferlazzo, of Winston-Salem.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock from Bethel Baptist church in charge of the pastor, Rev. Richard Pardue, assisted by Rev. John Burcham and interment was in the church cemetery. A throng of friends from Wilkes and surrounding counties attended the services.

Samuel R. Swaim Claimed By Death

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He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ada Vestal Swaim, an adopted daughter, Mrs. Ruth Messick; one brother, W. J. Swaim, attorney-at-law, Winston-Salem; one half-brother, M. J. Bryant, of Jonesville; one sister, Mrs. P. D. Groce, of Jonesville, and one half-sister, Mrs. William Hanes, of State Road.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from Fall Creek church, in charge of Rev. J. B. Ray, a former pastor, and interment was in the church cemetery.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
This is to certify that I have sold my interest in Graham & Click Co., of Elkin, N. C. to Claude H. Farrell. All accounts due this firm are payable to the present owners and all outstanding indebtedness and obligations, as well as all future obligations are the liabilities of Claude H. Farrell.

F. W. GRAHAM.
June 25, 1934.

YADKIN MAN HAD WHISKY IN AUTO

Earl Vestal To Face Several Charges When Tried Saturday

A hearing is scheduled for Saturday for Earl Vestal, of Boonville, who got in trouble Friday, July 13. He is charged with reckless driving, transporting and possession of whisky, and failing to transfer an automobile title within ten days.

Vestal's arrest grew out of not having a tail light. Ordered to stop by Corporal W. B. Lentz, the man speeded up and then jumped from his car and ran when the patrolman closed in upon him. Eight gallons of booze were found in the rear of the car.

Vestal was later arrested by a Yadkin deputy. He will be tried before Magistrate J. S. Hinson, of Jonesville.

Hope To Stage Cattle Show On October 18th

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ted that he hopes to have the date set for October 18, which will be the day of the first night of the fair, and which will draw a large crowd of Guernsey cattle owners from throughout the State.

The directors voted to incorporate the fair, Miss Neaves said.

Is Believed That Jonesville Woman Was Given Poison

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same man, and that it was his belief that the other woman poisoned the Chat woman through jealousy, if such was the case.

Deputy Evridge stated he was preparing to go to Cooleemee after this woman, expecting to leave Wednesday afternoon.

It is understood the body, which was buried in the Jonesville colored cemetery Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, may be exhumed for an examination of the stomach.

Blanketeers Whip North Wilkesboro

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and Davis; Chatham: McIlwee, Halteman, Southard and Parker.

The Chatham Blanketeers copped the three-game series with the New York All Stars here Thursday, Friday and Saturday, overcoming leads in both the first and second games to win. The visitors were shut out Saturday by Lefty Southard.

In the first game Chatham came from behind to win 6 to 4. McIlwee pitched a beautiful game, allowing the New Yorkers a total of eight hits. Davis and Hambricht hit home runs for the Blanketeers. Parker got two hits out of four tries. Peters led the attack for New York.

Friday's game was more bitterly fought, with the game going ten innings before a homer by Hambricht

with two on won for Elkin 8-6. Stockton relieved Halteman in the third inning and pitched good ball. In the final game the Blanketeers again won, the score standing at 4-0 as a result of a hitting spree in the second inning off Steelman and Brodyck. Steelman was hit on the arm by a liner by Munday, sustaining a fracture.

Southard, pitching for Elkin, was never in trouble. Davis and Munday led the hitting for Chatham, Davis getting his customary homer. Judge led the attack for New York.

A Corn-Hog Control Association has been organized in Hyde County with 125 members who have signed the adjustment contracts.

Blue mold was discovered in a tobacco plant bed in Greens County on April 14. The county agent is recommending sunshine and nitrate of soda as a remedy.

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