

BRUCE BARTON

Says



Can't Evade Problems
A man has just been in to worry me about the children. He points out that taxes are getting worse and I am getting older, and that if I set up annuities and insurance trusts and do a lot of other things, my children may perhaps be better off. As far as insurance is concerned, I have been a booster for it all my life. My father, who was a preacher with a large family, and a small salary, used to remark that he had "kept himself poor paying insurance premiums." But the insurance premiums enabled him to sleep peacefully at night and, having seen us all through college, he proceeded to cash in his insurance, and he and Mother had a good time on it during their last years.

How completely they might have spoiled their days and nights if they could have looked forward into the future. Suppose they had known in 1900, that this country was going to do a nose dive in 1929 which would be followed by the worst depression in history. Suppose they had said to themselves: "What a terrible ordeal that may be for our children and grandchildren. We ought to do something about it."

Well, they couldn't have done anything about it. And, as things have turned out, we are still eating regularly; we have a dry place to sleep, and so far have neither applied for a dole or sought admission to a nudist camp.

The changes that are going to

come in these United States are beyond the imagination of any one to forecast. Our children and grandchildren will have to meet them, as we have had to meet the problems in our own lives. What we can do for them beyond health and education is not much.

Self Reliant Are Educated
President James A. Garfield was asked: "What is your definition of a college?" To which he replied: "Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other."

Not luxurious dormitories or Gothic recitation halls; not rich endowments or mammoth football bowls, but a great teacher in personal contact with his pupils, stirring their imaginations, stimulating their minds.

Mark Hopkins had the teaching genius in the top degree. What was the secret of his success? Answering that question in his autobiography, Bliss Perry quotes his own father, who had been one of Hopkins' pupils: "After beginning by asking the pupil what the textbook said about this and that topic, the Doctor would invariably inquire, 'What do you think about it?' It stole the hearts of young men to hear such a man as he was plumping down upon them from his desk, as if it were a matter of much importance, such a question as that. It suddenly increased their own self-respect."

And Bliss Berry adds: "To discover that you had a mind—narrow, common-place, or ill-trained, perhaps—but a mind of your own, was a thrilling experience."

Many students graduate from college without ever making that discovery. For them education has been twenty years of mental massage. They come into the world with no plan except to find a boss who will keep on telling them what to think and do.

You can go twenty miles from a railroad into almost any cross-roads town and find men and women who have self-formed convictions and operate their minds under their own

steam. Such folks, however ignorant of books, are educated.

News From the COUNTY CAPITAL

Dobson, Dec. 16.—The Dobson Woman's Club held their December meeting in the club house last Thursday evening. The president, Mrs. Emma Reece Mock, was present and presided. The meeting opened by singing the Club Song followed by the Collect in unison. In the absence of the secretary, Miss Emma Comer called the roll and read the minutes of the November meeting, with no corrections. Reports of the various departments and committees were read and approved. Plans were made to donate gifts to children who are unfortunately deprived of their share of Christmas bounties.

After the business meeting Mrs. C. W. Wright introduced the speaker of the evening, Miss Alice Dixon, of Elkin, who gave the club a most interesting glance into Japan and their Christmas customs. Mrs. Fletcher Harris rendered two Christmas vocal numbers, "O, Holy Night" and "O, Wondrous Star," accompanied by Miss Ola Angell.

Mrs. John Richards presented gifts in behalf of the club, to the visitors, in appreciation of their contribution to the evening program. During the social hour refreshments, in Christmas colors were served by the following entertainment committee for December: Mrs. D. T. Sparger, chairman; Mrs. C. W. Wright, Mrs. John Richards, Mrs. John Comer, Mrs. Jennie Stanley, Mrs. Herman Coe and Mrs. Rosa Booker.

The Rio Grande Rangers, of the WBT broadcasting station of Charlotte, will give an entertainment in the school auditorium next Wednesday evening. Proceeds for the benefit of the school library.

A county teachers meeting was held in the school auditorium Friday afternoon with a splendid attendance, considering the inclement weather.

The Dobson high school will close its doors on next Friday for the Christmas holidays.

Jim Dan Hemmings, of State College, Raleigh, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

W. M. Stanley, of Windham Center, Canada, is visiting relatives in and around Dobson.

A Christmas program, "The Nativity," will be rendered by the school on next Thursday evening, directed by Mrs. Frederick Smith, teacher of public school music.

O. H. Hauser, of Westfield, filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Misses Edythe Reece and Pauline Bingham spent Saturday in Winston-Salem.

Miss Vera Soyars, of Westfield, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Soyars.

Guy Norman, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Freeman spent last week-end in Rockingham with friends.

APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR ORPHANAGE

To the Masons and Friends of Oxford Orphanage:

Owing to the fact that we have not had our Masonic picnic for the past two years, through which we have always contributed to the Orphanage, and due to the high cost of living and the urgent need of funds to operate the Orphanage, we are making an appeal to you good folks to let's all make a Christmas offering to them. We want to send this off Tuesday, December 24th.

Please see one of the undersigned committee now and make your donation. Be as liberal as you can and it will be very much appreciated, for it is a most worthy cause. Something like four hundred fatherless and motherless children depend on the Masons and Friends to give them a chance.

M. R. BAILEY, Chairman
S. O. MAGUIRE
J. R. WINDSOR
Orphanage Asylum Committee
Elgin Lodge No. 454, A. F. & A. M.

NOTICE

By virtue of the power contained in a deed of trust executed by Scott Nixon and wife, Ethel Nixon, and Mary Jennings, which is recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Surry county, in Book No. 120, page 268, the debt therein secured being due and unpaid, I will sell at public auction for cash at the court house door in Dobson, on Saturday, the 4th day of January, 1936, at one o'clock P. M., the following real estate lying in Surry County, N. C.

First Tract: Adjoining Jack Nixon and others, beginning on a planted rock at head of a gully, corner of Lot No. 1, corner of Mary Jennings' land and runs north 78 degrees 15 1-2 chains with Mary Jennings' line to a maple on rock branch, then up the branch as follows, north 40 1-2 degrees west 3.25 chains, north 58 degrees west 3.50 chains, north 38

degrees west 5 chains to a sourwood at mouth of hollow, then up the hollow south 41 degrees west 4 chains to a maple at fork of hollow, then up the north hollow south 78 degrees west 4 chains to a white oak, then south 9 degrees west 7.78 chains to the beginning, containing 9.31 acres, more or less.

Second Tract: Adjoins the lands of Willie Welborn and J. H. Harris and Lot No. 2, beginning on a cherry stump on the west bank of Mitchell's river about 20 yards below the ford and runs up said river north 14 degrees east 16.34 chains to the mouth of rock branch, then up the branch north 40 1-2 degrees west 4.25 chains to a maple at the path, crosses same, then south 78 degrees west 15.50 chains to a rock in the field, then south 33 1-2 degrees west 11.95 chains to a rock in J. H. Harris line, then with the old line south

57 degrees east 5.82 chains to Welborn's line, then with his line south 86 degrees east 15 chains to the beginning, containing 31 acres, more or less, excepting one acre and a fraction sold off to W. B. Williams.

This is the Mary Jennings lot. Sale will be made to satisfy said debt and cost. This the 30th day of November, 1935. 12-26 W. L. REECE, Trustee.

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