

# MAKE IT SHORT

From the Writings of

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I think it is D. L. Moody who tells of a man who when he died, said: "I may have done many a wrong thing, but I have never done a long one."

Brevity is the soul of wit and it is also the soul of common sense.

Don't use two adjectives to describe a thing. One is enough. Don't say a thing and then exercise your ingenuity by saying it over again.

Writing conduces to brevity because, as someone has said, writing is like shooting at a mark with a rifle, while speaking is like trying to hit the same mark with a stream of water from a nozzle.

The world is on the run. Most people are and always will be in a hurry.

The fate of the third verse is something for those who seek the public ear to ponder on.

A lengthy article with long, solid-appearing paragraphs has as much chance of being widely read as have the words of the third verse of the closing hymn when the minister has run past a dozen fine terminal sentences.

If a short article turns out to be a "dud" it at least isn't a long-winded "dud."

A short, pointed article, if it contains a thought, is more likely to get you thinking than a long one. It gives you time in the present. A long article requires your leisure to read and then something else requires attention by the time you finish it.

There is a charm about rambling writers like Charles Lamb

when you have an evening to spend under a reading lamp on a winter's night.

An American magazine editor pays an English woman writer a dollar for each word of her short stories.

A literary model many writers might study with profit is the telegram.

The telegram attracts in the first place because it is short. It gives the idea a chance to be heard. But if the article has nothing to say, mere brevity is to no purpose.

## WEST YADKIN SCHOOL ADDITION COMPLETE

The addition to the West Yadkin school building is completed and is now occupied by the four sections of the first grade. The addition is located between the main building and the agriculture building. It consists of four large rooms, equipped with small tables and chairs. Private lockers are provided for the teachers in the building.

Open house will be held within a short time and all parents of the community and the general public will be invited to attend.

First grade teachers for the school are: Mesdames Lawrence Todd, Frank Gough, Hal Bell and Will Holcomb.

"Leatherneck," a nickname for Marines, was given them during the Revolutionary War when they wore leather stiffening in their collars.

## How Other Lands Mark Christmas

A melting pot of the world, America has created its Christmas traditions from countless customs brought across the seas from foreign lands. In these far-away places the Yuletide symbols of bygone ages still endure. Here are a few of them:

### ENGLAND:

Christmas to rural Englishmen means not only the observance of Christ's birth, but also a parting of the ways between the old year and the new. Preparations are started for the next year's farm work, which begins right after Christmas. Throughout the island such trappings as the holly and mistletoe remain undying traditions, nor is any Christmas complete without the Yule log burning. On clear frosty nights the carol singers raise their voices over the countryside. To many Englishmen's despair, such American customs as the turkey dinner are gaining a foothold.

### GERMANY:

Two years ago storm troopers in Berlin lit bonfires in the public squares as a revival of the pagan custom of celebrating the winter solstice. But this distraction will not stop the Christmas-loving Germans from decorating their trees in every town and village, and joining in the famed Christmas hymn, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht."

### ITALY:

Most Italian families celebrate Christmas eve and spend the following day quietly in their homes. Here it is a feast more for grown-ups than for children, whose merry-making day comes 12 days later, on January 6. On Christmas eve fami-



IN ITALY—Children of the Italian Alps at Christmas Time, praying before a wayside shrine.

lies gather around the "ceppo" or Christmas log blazes. At nine p. m. begins the "cenone," or big supper, at which no meat may be served. Gifts for children, which come on Epiphany, are brought not by Santa Claus but by an ugly witch whose name is "Befana."

### FRANCE:

Exchange of gifts comes not on Christmas but mostly on New Year's day, which in France is the big family day for reunions of cousins, aunts and uncles. Santa Claus is "Pere Noel," who leaves his gifts in wooden shoes. Christmas eve is not spent at home but in revelry and feasting.

### BELGIUM:

Neither Santa Claus nor Pere Noel visit children here—but St. Nicholas makes the rounds, surprisingly, on December 6! A quaint Belgian custom is the putting up the chimney of a few carrots for the little donkey on which St. Nicholas makes his visits.

### RUSSIA:

This anti-Christian nation forbids celebration of the Yuletide but no longer compels foreign residents to import their own Christmas trees. Making an about-face, the Soviet government uses this emblem of childhood for its New Year's celebrations when Dadsja Moroz, or Uncle Frost, appears with gifts for good children.

### POLAND:

This Christmas celebration lasts until February 2 and is preceded by fasting which is not broken until the first star appears on Christmas eve. In all homes the tablecloth is placed over a layer of fragrant hay in commemoration of the manger.

### HUNGARY:

St. Nicholas leaves boxes of candy for children early in December, after which the youngsters must be on their good behavior. They write letters to the angels, who, they believe, bring the presents. If they find bits of tinsel on the floor, they claim this is angel's hair and proof that the angels are everywhere, observing which boys and girls are good.

### HOLY LAND:

Where it all began nearly 20 centuries ago, worshippers reverently hail each Christmas at the church of Nativity which is built over Christ's traditional birthplace. It has remained unchanged more than 1,500 years. There pilgrims gather from all over the world to intone "Glory to the New-Born King."

## SMALL NUMBER HAVE DISEASE, NURSES FIND

Out of Large Number Examined the Percentage Is Unusually Small

### TOTAL OF 169 EXAMINED

The big feature of the health work in Yadkin county this month was the fluoroscopic clinic held in the Yadkinville Baptist church November 13 through the 17th. At this clinic adults from the families of the 225 children who reacted to the tuberculin tests were given a free examination, including several adults sent by practicing physicians.

Very little tuberculosis was discovered in an active form, only two school children being referred for constant supervision of physicians, and X-ray and observa-

tion of three adults advised. A total of 169 persons were examined.

Communicable diseases are increasing with the winter months, as four cases of diphtheria, 12 of scarlet fever, one each of typhoid fever, pneumonia, and poliomyelitis, and 2 cases of gonorrhoea were reported to the health department by local physicians. County nurses made 62 visits in homes where there were communicable diseases. Forty children had diphtheria. In the syphilis control program the usual clinics were held, in which 114 treatments were given and 12 visits were made.

Two maternity clinics were held with 10 patients attending. Two cases were sent to hospitals and 27 home visits were made.

One child was taken to the clinic for observation by Dr. Ruth Henley, and 78 home calls were made by nurses in behalf of infants and pre-school children.

County nurses inspected 339 school children, made 27 home calls, and 190 office visits. Mrs. Messick taught 3 first aid classes with an attendance of 62. Dr. E.

H. Grady examined the basketball girls from Courtney high school and all children in the first, third and fifth grades of the Yadkinville school who were not free of defects.

Sixty-three visits were made by nurses to homes where there was sickness, five to crippled children. One child was sent to the crippled children hospital in Gastonia.

The usual Monday clinics will be held by Dr. E. H. Grady at Boonville mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 and Yadkinville, afternoons at 1:00 to 3:00, except on Christmas day when the office will be closed. At these clinics examinations are conducted for health certificates, babies vaccinated for diphtheria, and blood tests are given.

Dr. Henley will hold the maternity clinic at Boonville Wednesday morning, December 13. There will be no clinic held in Yadkinville December 27.

Mrs. Bertice Holden Smith is relieving Mrs. Jamie Leak Messick temporarily on account of Mrs. Messick's illness. Miss Bertha Vestal, Gertie Wilhelm

and Virginia Wright are assisting in the offices under the N. Y. A. program. This additional office help releases nurses for more work in the homes and schools.

On account of the outbreak of typhoid fever at East Bend, a clinic is being held there every Wednesday morning for the benefit of those not vaccinated this past summer.

## GREEN HAND DEGREE IS CONFERRED ON 13

Thirteen boys of the Mountain Park school were raised to the degree of Green Hand at a recent meeting of the Mountain Park Chapter of the F. F. A.

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