

DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Greensboro.—A check for \$1,000 has been received from A. B. Andrews, of Raleigh, by Rev. S. B. Turrentine, president of Greensboro College, the institution of the Methodists of North Carolina for young women, for a Masonic loan fund.

Winston-Salem.—The old high school building on Cherry street was bid off at auction for the First Presbyterian church congregation for \$46,100. Confirmation of sale is subject to action by the board of aldermen.

Durham.—R. W. Miller, of Charlotte, was elected president of the retail grocery division of the North Carolina Merchants' Association, at a meeting held in this city, with grocers of ten cities and towns in the state in attendance.

New Bern.—Plans have been completed and excavations are now under way for the erection of the new St. Peter's African Methodist Episcopal church, to supplant the old structure which was destroyed by the December 1 fire. The new building is to cost \$100,000.

Mount Airy.—The concert class from the Odd Fellows' children's home, in Goldsboro, presented a splendid program at the Broadway theater. They played to a well filled house and much favorable comment was heard on the splendid training the children receive in that institution.

Durham.—D. G. S. Campbell, now with the State Board of Health, was appointed by the Durham Board of Health as full time county medical officer to succeed Dr. Hunter Sweany, who gives up part time work to devote his entire time to practice.

Reidsville.—The big picnic of the Rockingham County Tobacco Growers' Association at the county playground, was a success in every way. Notwithstanding it threatened to rain in the forenoon 1,200 or 1,500 people were present.

Southern Pines.—The Sandhills Kiwanis club has received acceptances from J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, and Frank Page, state highway commissioner, to address a good roads rally and picnic to be held here July 26. General Bowley and the 17th regiment band from Fort Bragg will also be here.

Gastonia.—Thousands of premium lists for the big Gaston county fair are being mailed out to prospective exhibitors in Gaston, Mecklenburg, Lincoln, York, Cleveland and other counties. The list is unusual in appearance from a typographical standpoint and is one of the strongest in the state as usual from a standpoint of amounts offered.

Greensboro.—In an effort to increase business, the North Carolina Public Service company has under contemplation plans for operating gasoline busses in the populous parts of this city which are on the car lines. It is expected that the plans will go through as soon as details are worked out, it was announced by an official of the company.

Salisbury.—A number of fraternal and civic organizations have appointed committees and have in hand the matter for getting for Rowan county the orphanage the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, expect to build in North Carolina. T. H. Vanderford and associates have offered free a 200-acre tract of land near Gold Hill for the orphanage site.

New Bern.—One of the largest export shipments of eastern Carolina bright leaf tobacco made from here in several years left for Rotterdam, Holland. The New Bern Tobacco company, steamers and re-dryers, re-cured and packed the weed.

Burlington.—Col. R. L. Holt, one of the leading citizens here, died at his home at Glencoe near Burlington, after an illness of only a few days. It was not known that he was ill and the news of his death came as a sudden shock to his many friends.

High Point.—The body of Grady Taylor, who committed suicide after shooting and seriously wounding his wife at their home here, was being held by a local undertaker, pending the arrival of relatives from South Carolina.

Monroe.—The sixty-sixth anniversary meeting of the Tirzah Bible society will be held at Tirzah church, in Jackson township, on Saturday, July 28. The principal speaker of the occasion will be Dr. Alexander Martin, pastor of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian church, Rock Hill, S. C.

Raeform.—Young Fletcher Stocks, colored, shot Monk McDougald and instantly killed him at the former's home, and then opened fire with his automatic on Mandy Monroe, and his brother's little 14 months old baby, hitting the woman in the abdomen and the little baby in the lower limb. It is doubtful whether the woman will live.

Reidsville.—T. P. Turner, secretary of the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Reidsville-Danville road committee, says the celebration of the completion of the highway will be held at Guerrant Springs on Friday, July 27.

Horticultural Points

Thinning Out Extremely Thick Fruit Is Favored

By thinning out the extremely thick fruit when it is about one-third size, that which is left will be not only larger, but more free of insect pests and rot, while the firmness and flavor will be enhanced.

Where the fruit is left thick on the tree, it is too crowded to develop properly, and insects are much more likely to attack it than if it is thinned out. Great damage also is done some trees, especially those which have not been in bearing very long, by allowing an abnormally large crop of fruit to unduly sap the tree of its vitality. Indeed, trees are sometimes killed by this overloading with fruit. Even where this does not result, the tree often is barren for three or four years immediately following the abnormal yield.

In thinning the fruit from a tree, the small, ill-shaped, withering and red-speckled pieces should be discarded, only the larger, smooth, healthy-looking ones being left on the tree. The distance apart for leaving fruit must be decided by the size of the fruit and the age, productiveness and general condition of the tree on which it is grown. As a general rule, it may be said that all fruit should have a space of at least three times its natural size at maturity, some allowance being made for clusters of fruit, as it is difficult to remove one piece of fruit from a cluster without knocking all of the cluster off.

It May Be Profitable to Pick Apple Tree Twice

Most apple growers remove all the fruit from the trees at one picking. Many, however, according to observations of the United States Department of Agriculture, make two or more pickings during the season, especially when the fruit is not uniformly of good color, but is otherwise of high quality. The advisability of making more than one picking depends upon the extent to which the size and color of the fruit are affected by the quantity borne by each tree.

The apples on the outside of the tree, especially the larger and better-colored ones, are removed at the first picking to permit the limbs to lift and expose the uncolored fruit to the sun. This thinning also tends to bring about an increase in size of the fruit remaining on the trees. In the course of a week or ten days the second picking is made, when the remainder of the crop usually is removed. In a few instances more than two pickings are made, especially with early apples.

Two pickings are more expensive than one because of the additional time required, though the increase in the market value of the crop often justifies this practice. If the crop is of low quality the value of the returns usually are not sufficient to warrant the extra cost of more than one picking.

Control Red Raspberry Spur Blight by Spray

Red raspberry spur blight makes its appearance about the middle of July, and can be recognized by the irregular brown blotches on the new canes. The fungus which is responsible for the discoloration invades the tissue surrounding the buds from which the fruit spurs arise and either destroys them outright or prevents their further growth and development. The disease can be controlled satisfactorily by spraying the young canes with Bordeaux mixture when they are six to eight inches high, and every two weeks thereafter until the picking season. The old canes should be removed as soon as the crop has been gathered, and a final application of the spray material should be given at that time. For this work, we recommend an adhesive Bordeaux mixture having a formula, 3-2-50, and containing 2 pounds of rosin fish oil soap to each 50 gallons.—Walter G. Sackett, Experiment Station, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colo.

Powder Kills Currant and Gooseberry Worms

The worms that do so much injury to currant and gooseberry bushes are very easily destroyed by an application of white hellebore which may be obtained at any drug store. Use one ounce of the powdered hellebore to a bucket (about three gallons) of water and thoroughly spray the bushes.

The best time to apply this poison, according to C. P. Gillette, of the Colorado Agricultural college, is in the evening, but it may be used any time during the day. This powder, while very poisonous to the gooseberry worms, will not poison the fruit so as to make it dangerous to use as food.

A Start With Bush Fruits. When good care is taken with currants and gooseberries they will be found to be one of the very best producers. There is a wide difference in the yield of individual bushes and the number of boxes of berries or currants to the bush varies with the variety and the care given to it.

Everybody Likes Cherries. There is no fruit grown on the farm which is more welcome than cherries, and cherries are always in demand if one has a surplus.

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JULY 29

MATTHEW, THE PUBLICAN

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32.

GOLDEN TEXT—"I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."—Matthew 9:13.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Mark 2:13-22.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Matthew Invites Jesus to His Home.

JUNIOR TOPIC—What Jesus Did for Matthew.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Matthew Overcomes a Handicap.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Matthew, a Study of Conversion.

I. Who Matthew Was. Of Matthew little is known, even his birth place is concealed. Our first sight of him is seated at the toll booth collecting taxes. The tax gatherer was hated by the loyal Jews because he collected taxes for the alien government under whose yoke they were galling. This hate was the more bitter because of the extortion usually practiced by those in rule. From the meager accounts we find that Matthew was:

1. A Man of Decision. We do not know whether he had ever seen or heard of Jesus before this time, but we note that he at once arose and followed Jesus. Without doubt, there were many things to concern him. It was no little task to break off from his business which apparently was very lucrative.

2. He Was a Humble Man. In chapter 10, verse 3, the order in which he gives his own name and the fact that he designates himself a "publican" would show that he did not overestimate himself.

3. He Possessed Force of Character. This is shown in the fact that he gave a feast and invited his friends in to see and hear his Lord.

He had two names, Levi, which means "attached" or "joined," and Matthew, which means "gift of Jehovah." Most likely Matthew was the name assumed after his conversion.

II. Matthew's Call or Conversion (Math. 9:9).

1. As Jesus Passed By. He "Saw a Man." He saw the possibilities which were in Matthew. He saw through the hated profession of a tax gatherer the shining possibilities of his manhood and apostleship. He saw in him the man fit to perceive and portray the Messiahship of the Redeemer. The divine grace was revealed in this call. Jesus sees what is in man regardless of name or profession.

2. Matthew's Response (v. 9). He acted with decision and promptness; he left his business behind him. When Jesus said, "Follow Me," Matthew perceived that greater than man had spoken to him. May we yield ourselves unto Him and render such simple obedience that our actions may be but the echoes of the divine voice in commanding. Two things in Matthew's compliance prove the genuineness of his conversion:

1. "He Left All" (Luke 5:28). Real conversion always results in the forsaking of all that is contrary to Jesus, such as illegitimate business, wicked associates and worldly pleasures, etc.

2. "Followed Jesus." Following Jesus means the commitment of one's life to Him for full salvation, abandonment of the will to Him to do whatsoever He wills, and a willingness to suffer, and even die, if need be, for Him.

III. Matthew Made a Great Feast (Luke 5:29-32). This feast was made in honor of his newly-found Savior. His conversion was so real that he wanted his friends to become acquainted with his Savior. He was not ashamed to confess his Lord before them. He showed real tact in making a supper. Men will come to a feast much more readily than they will to a sermon. A great company of sinners came, who doubtless had been Matthew's companions in sin. He now desired them to become his brothers in Christ. The Scribes and Pharisees were astonished that Jesus would appear in company with such a motley crowd of disreputable persons. They were too cowardly to speak to Jesus but they came to the disciples. Jesus championed their cause and battled His adversaries. His reasoning was unanswerable. A physician's place is among the sick. Only those who are diseased should come to the doctor's house. Since spiritual matters are of more importance than physical, Jesus was more than justified in being in the center of those who were morally sick that He might heal them of their maladies. He came to call sinners to repentance.

Our Conscience.

If conscience smite thee once it is an admonition; if twice, it is a condemnation. Repose is as necessary in conversation as in a picture.—Hazlitt.

Intelligence and Charity. The brightest blaze of intelligence is of incalculably less value than the smallest spark of charity.—W. Nevins.

The Ground of Joy. We can do nothing well without joy, and a good conscience which is the ground of joy.—Siddons.

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MELLON NOT TALKATIVE MAN

Secretary of the Treasury Will Never Make Reputation as a Great Conversationalist.

Two Scotsmen, noted for their rarity of speech, were playing golf. Up to the seventeenth hole neither spoke a word.

It began to rain and Sandy observed: "Shall we quit?" "Chatterbox," muttered his opponent, as he drove off the final.

Secretary Mellon is silent like that, writes "Girard" in the Philadelphia Enquirer. If, as our copybooks informed us, silence is golden, that able banker came by his great wealth in the most natural way.

"This is not a talkative cabinet"—that from a Philadelphia coal man often brought into contact with Mr. Hoover and others of the presidential family.

"But," he continued, "Secretary Mellon can say less in a day than all the rest of them put together."

If a woman can't drive a nail she might try coaxing it.

All the world loves a lover. All the world loves to be amused.

Elsewhere Sometimes.

The village was having its spring tea party and was getting rather tired of it. Finally they decided to propose conundrums and one of the company asked, "Which is the most warlike nation?"

"Vaccination," replied the village doctor, who was one of the party.

"How do you account for that?" said the man who had put the question.

"Because it's nearly always in arms," said the medic.

The Difficulty.

"The feller that owned this hotel before I took it over," related the landlord of the Petunia Tavern, "wanted to name it after himself and call it the 'White House.'"

"Did he?" nonchalantly asked a guest.

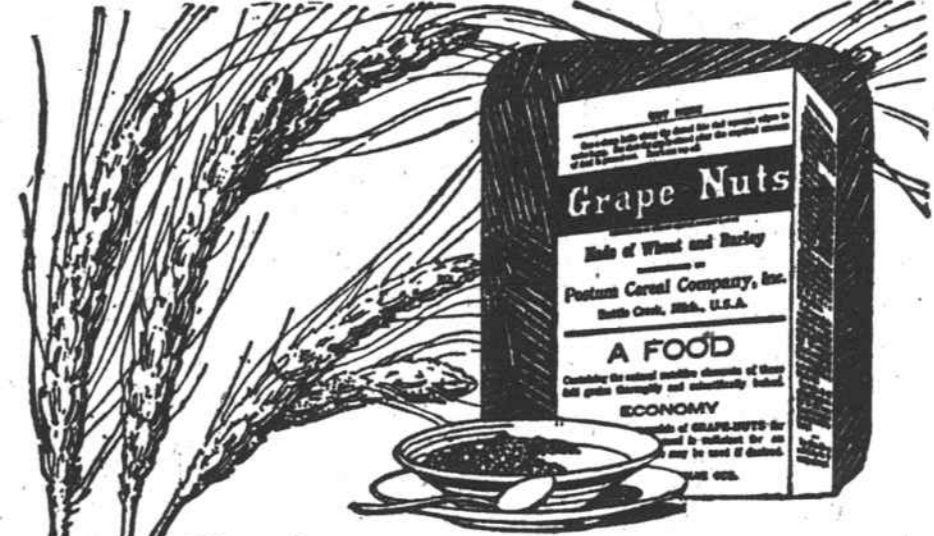
"No; he couldn't. You see, his name was Brown."—Kansas City Star.

A Nature Faker.

Teacher—Now, children, with what part of its body does a bee buzz? Tommy—With its buzzum, sir.

So Far, So Good.

"Will you marry me?" "I like your nerve!" "How about my other qualifications?"



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