

Chatham Blanketeer

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Broken Promises

The following is the gist of a conversation that took place during an intermission at a recent conference, between two men in attendance.

"What accounts," said one man to the other, "for the lack of integrity in the social, political, and business life of any age or generation?"

"The failure," was the reply, "rightly to estimate the value of one's word: the popular belief that people do not mean what they say, or only half mean it." "If anything is worse," he added, "it is the way in which promises are made, and obligations too readily assumed by those who must know they never can discharge them."

Such an expression of opinion naturally leads one to wonder about the causes which bring about such a condition of affairs.

In thought, one may follow the child from his earliest education in the home and school, to his entrance upon the active duties of life. One may seem to hear the parent threatening a punishment that is never inflicted—the teacher promising a reward that is never bestowed—the employer holding out a hope of advancement that is never realized.

The child or youth may often answer by imitating this example. "I will surely," he says, "be back by five o'clock." "I will learn my lesson for tomorrow." Promises too easily made are readily broken.

Then follow matters from small, to those of large importance. The young man borrows money, engaging to pay at a certain time—the promise is forgotten and the day passes by. He pledges to do a given task—something takes his attention and the job is neglected.

So it grows, step by step, until a few obligations have binding authority, and what authority exists is mostly that of fear for consequences rather than a sense of duty and obligation.

Therefore, it seems quite wise to pledge ourselves to make as few promises as possible but to keep those we do make at all hazards. If such were done, a better day of confidence would surely come nearer.

(The Peerless News)

Don't Want Him

Tooter—I know a joke you'll never get, dearie.

Miss Tyte—Well, who said I wanted you?

Scenes Made During High Water

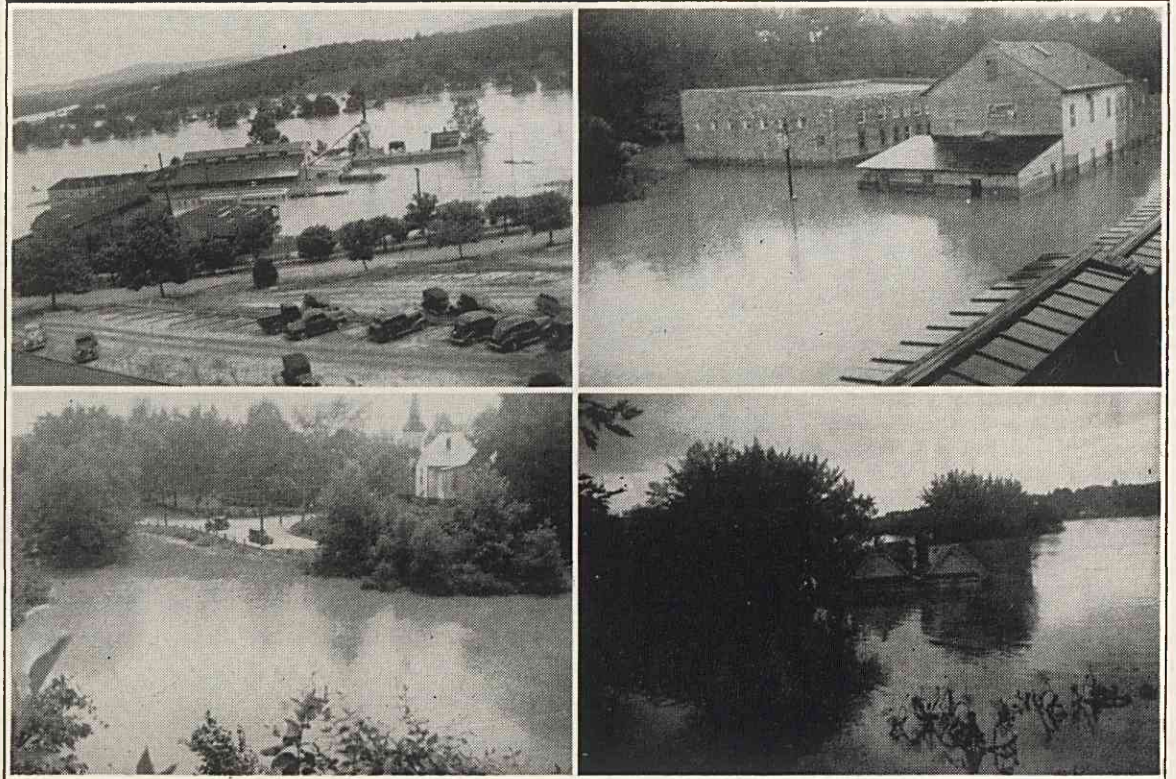


Photo at top left was made from top of Chatham plant, looking slightly southeast. Building shown surrounded by water is the old Storey Lumber company plant, now idle. Top right was made from the Hugh Chatham bridge, showing the Elkin Roller Mill and Smithey's Store. Lower left looks across big Elkin creek into West Elkin, the Elkin Episcopal church being shown in upper right corner. Lower right photo was taken on the Jonesville side of the river, showing how the home of Lum Shores was inundated.—(All Photos by Henry Wooduff.)

DEATH CLAIMS
 J. C. OSBORNE

Employee of Chatham Company
 Passes Away in Hospital from
 Gunshot Wound

Funeral services for Joseph Cranfield Osborne, 29, who died Sunday evening, August 17, at the local hospital, were held from the Swan Creek Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. J. L. Powers was in charge of the services, being assisted by Rev. Richard Day, Rev. Richard Pardue and Rev. Lloyd Pardue. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Osborne died from a gunshot wound, discharged by his own hand. He lived for thirty-six hours after firing the fatal shot. He remarked several times that he could not go on any longer. Joe had been a faithful employee of the Company for fourteen years, and had many friends who mourn his loss. He was a jovial, friendly and likeable young man and his untimely death came as a complete surprise to his family and friends. He was employed in the Weaving department at the time of his death.

He was the son of Mr. Walter Osborne and Mrs. Carrie Cheek Osborne, of East Elkin, who sur-

vive him, in addition to his wife, Mrs. Della Swaim Osborne; two children, Wayne and Vena May; one brother, Brady, and one sister, Miss Della Lou Osborne, of Elkin.

Active pallbearers were W. E. Burcham, Free Pardue, Bud Barker, Clyde Day, Rastus Darnell and Clyde Cothren.

Honorary pallbearers were the Filling Haulers from the three shifts.

Flower girls were members of the Lucy Hanes Chatham club.

Sunstroke

Preliminary symptoms: Dizziness, sometimes nausea, acute pain in the head. In true sunstroke, these symptoms are rapidly followed by unconsciousness.

Signs: Unconsciousness, skin dry and hot, face red or purple, breathing difficult, pulse rapid, temperature high.

Treatment: Call a doctor. Remove the patient to a cool place, lay him on his back, and remove as much clothing as possible. Reduce his temperature by sponging his body with cold water. Apply an ice bag or cold cloths (iced if possible) to his head. Rub his limbs and trunk toward the heart to induce circulation. Give no stimulant.

CORRECTION

The Blanketeer regrets the error in the last issue of the paper, in which it reported that the water reached the fourth floor of the old mill. This was incorrect. This building is only two stories high. The water reached the base of the second story window.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Joe Osborne wishes to thank their many friends for the many kindnesses shown them during their bereavement. The floral tributes were indeed beautiful.

MRS. JOE OSBORNE
 AND CHILDREN.

Sponge Cake

After being served sponge cake at a friend's house, a little girl in an appreciative mood went over to the hostess and said, "I could tell it was sponge cake, it's so nice and rubbery."

Will Look Funny

Mistress: "And I want even the kitchen floor clean enough to have our meals on."

New Maid: "You will look funny."

Property damage in 1939 motor vehicle accidents totaled \$750,000,000.