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CULTURAL TRAINING IN SCHOOL

We American people, the most practical people in the world, have failed to educate the appreciative side of our nature. In training the present race, the main object should be to train for appreciation; so that boys and girls will recognize beauty and truth in all their surroundings, regardless of their chosen life's work. This can be accomplished only through cultural training. Cultural training so trains the mind and tunes the heart that we are able to recognize and understand the great plan and handiwork of God.

By studying those old languages, now forgotten, we are permitted to go back, in thought, to scenes of ancient civilization. We are permitted to walk through those beautiful old palaces, which may now be nothing except a mound of dirt, and to associate with people of past ages; to converse with them; to understand their habits, their customs, and their aspirations; to appreciate what they gave to us.

We call people accomplished who are able to play, to sing, and to speak correctly. In truth these are the ones who have trained themselves to see beauty in everything. The beauty of the world is for our own good, but if we do not search for those old hidden truths, everything will become dull and commonplace.

We are told that Athens, hundreds of years ago, was so far ahead of us in culture, that with all our so-called civilization we can not begin to equal them. Therefore, something must be wrong with our training. The thing to do is to train for appreciation first; and then, when we take our place in the industrial world, we can accomplish more because we understand and appreciate the truths upon which our great nation was founded.

—A Reader.

[This excellent article contributed to the Old Fort page by a reader is appreciated and the editor is hoping that this reader will favor us with another offering.]

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Beacher Walden entertained the Sunday School class of Mr. J. L. Lackey at their monthly meeting on Friday evening. A large crowd enjoyed Mrs. Walden's hospitality. Out of town members present were Mrs. Fisher and Miss Annie Fisher of Marion.

The Sunday School class of the Baptist Church, taught by Mr. I. L. Caplan, was entertained at the home of Mrs. B. Y. Allison the past week, with more than twenty members present. Games and contests were enjoyed by those attending.

DEATH OF MR. W. G. REED

Mr. W. G. Reed, of Biltmore, father of Mrs. Henry C. Fisher, of Old Fort, died March 30th, after an extended illness. Mr. Reed belonged to one of the pioneer families of Buncombe county. He served the county as tax collector for a number of years, and was foreman of the quarry of the Asheville Construction company for eleven years.

Mr. Reed is survived by his widow and four daughters and one son: Mrs. Henry C. Fisher of Old Fort, Mrs. G. D. Mowry of Washington, Ind.; Miss Helen Reed, Miss Geneva Reed, and Gordon Reed of Biltmore, N. C.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

M. E. Hansel, Minister
Old Fort

Sabbath School 10 a. m.
Christian Endeavor 6:45 p. m.
Public Worship 7:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesdays 7:30 p. m.

Siloam

Sabbath School 2 p. m.
Public Worship 3 p. m.

Oakdale

Sabbath School 2 p. m.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH
J. C. Umberger, Pastor

The pastor of Rutherford College will conduct services at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning. Special music will be furnished by the Rutherford College quartette. Every one is invited to attend all services.

MRS. GRAYBEAL AND MISS DULA HOSTESSES TO CLUB

The Old Fort Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. C. W. Graybeal Friday afternoon, with Miss Gertrude Dula as joint hostess. The lower floor was attractively decorated with early spring flowers, carrying out the color scheme of yellow and white.

After a very inspiring business meeting, Mrs. D. F. Giles, district president, addressed the club. Mrs. Harry Ditmore gave an outline of the work of the Marion Junior Club. An unusually large crowd characterized the April meeting. A baby contest, sponsored by the club, was approved, and Mrs. Henry C. Fisher was appointed chairman by the president. Plans were also discussed for a bridge benefit, and Mrs. Geo. Moore was made chairman of this project.

Musical offerings consisting of vocal duets by Misses Lenore Keatley and Edith Rowe Grady were enjoyed during the social hour, at which time delicious refreshments were served in the dining room. The tea table was beautiful with a handsome imported lace cover, and crystal candlesticks with yellow tapers. Mrs. P. H. Mashburn poured tea, and assisting the hostess in serving were Mrs. D. M. McIntosh, Mrs. Geo. Moore, Mrs. J. B. Johnson, Mrs. Janie Reid and Mrs. I. L. Caplan.

Members and guests present were Mrs. Wm. Trevorton, former president of the Old Fort Club; Mrs. D. F. Giles district president, and Mrs. Harry Ditmore, of Marion; Mrs. G. B. Biseline, Mrs. Lipe, Mrs. Swick, Miss Lenore Keatley, Miss Edith Rowe Grady, Mrs. J. C. Umberger, Mrs. Will Rowe, Mrs. Henry C. Fisher, Mrs. J. B. Johnson, Mrs. Janie Reid, Mrs. D. M. McIntosh, Mrs. P. H. Mashburn, Mrs. Effie Mashburn, Mrs. Geo. Sandlin, Mrs. Nancy Kimball, Mrs. Don Grant, Mrs. Winslow Burgin, Mrs. Charles Jenkins, Mrs. I. L. Caplan, Mrs. H. C. Marley, and Mrs. Geo. Moore.

JUNIOR MEMBER ENTERS CONTEST FOR CLUB SONG

A prize of ten dollars is being offered to the Junior club who sends in the best Junior club song. The following was composed and sent in by a member of the Old Fort Junior Club:

We are the Junior Woman's Club
Who reign the universe,
We stand for honor, truth and love;
Our all to God we trust.

Chorus

The Junior women of our land
United all we'll stand.
Victors be,
Protected by his hand.
When strife stalks in our native land
And calls reach us for aid,
We'll raise the banner of our Club
And do our best to save.
We always try to chase the gloom
And paint our grey skies blue
To do our duty to our land—
Remain sincere and true.

J. M. CHARLES HEADS NEW ENTERPRISE

J. M. Charles has bought out the patent rights in sixty-eight counties in North Carolina and twenty in Virginia, on a very complete pinless clothes wire. He has several agents working these counties and expects to put more in the field soon.

Hints For Homemakers

By Jane Rogers



WHEN washing fine lace, instead of starch use two lumps of sugar to a basin of water.

A tablespoon of powdered pumice mixed with enough linseed oil to make a thin paste is excellent for removing white water stains from furniture. Rub the mixture on the spots until they disappear. Wipe off carefully with a soft cloth dampened with furniture polish.

Adhesive tape is a good emergency mending material for rents in rain coats, galoshes and umbrellas.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swann of Asheville spent the week-end in Old Fort with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lytle of Biltmore were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rogers of Morganton were visitors in Old Fort Tuesday.

Willis Early visited his brother in Marion Tuesday.

Ewart Grant of Newland spent Sunday and Monday with relatives in Old Fort.

Mrs. Dennis Haynes has as her guest this week, her brother, Theodore Watkins, of Marion.

C. Greene of Asheville was a visitor in Old Fort Tuesday.

Miss Geneva Early, who is employed in Asheville, spent the week-end in Old Fort.

Mrs. J. Kitchens of Knoxville is visiting relatives in Old Fort this week.

Mr. C. Grogan spent Wednesday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Silver of Marion were visitors in Old Fort Wednesday.

Mrs. A. A. Hensley had as her guest last Sunday her sister, Mrs. Dobbins, of Forest City.

Misses Mary Cowan and Janie M'Swain, both of N.C.C.W., Greensboro, are spending the spring holidays with relatives in Old Fort.

Mrs. Rosa Mason of Brevard is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Williams.

Mrs. K. G. Rhinehardt has been ill several days.

J. P. Robinson of Asheville was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday.

Cecil Philip of Wing was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday.

J. A. Swann spent Saturday in Asheville.

Mrs. I. H. Greene was a visitor in Asheville Wednesday.

Misses Lucile Hyams and Frances Sherrill spent last Monday in Marion.

Mrs. Georgia Grant and Miss Mary Will Greene were shoppers in Asheville last Thursday.

Adrian Hardwick of Black Mountain was a visitor in Old Fort Thursday.

Mrs. Maggie Rabbits of Cincinnati, Ohio, visited relatives in Old Fort last week.

Mrs. Jack Turner of Arkansas has returned to her home in Old Fort after being away for several years.

Miss Polly Ann Greene spent last Saturday in Asheville.

William White of Salem, Va., was in Old Fort Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Nolan of Marion were in Old Fort Thursday afternoon.

Otis Grant, who has been sick several months, is rapidly improving.

Miss Lois Jennings of Statesville spent Thursday and Friday with her sister, Mrs. B. A. Moose.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Moose spent the week-end in Statesville.

Miss Hazel Swann spent the week-end in Asheville with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Swann.

Mrs. S. B. Smithey and Mrs. W. W. LeFevre spent Friday in North Wilkesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Moose are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Smithey on Main street.

J. M. Charles has sold his interest in the Builders Supply Company to J. A. Lowrey. Mr. Lowrey is now sole owner of this thriving plant.

R. P. Robinson of Forest City was the guest of J. M. Charles last Sunday.

Mrs. Hewitt of Old Fort died on Saturday morning, April 5th, after an illness of several years. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Umberger. Interment was made in the Old Fort cemetery.

Mrs. Wade Davis is spending several weeks in Murphy as the guest of Mrs. Jess Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nichols, Mrs. Gus Silvers, and Mrs. E. D. Rix were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Von Ray of Marion were visitors in Old Fort on Sunday.

Miss Una Plott spent the week-end with relatives in Asheville.

Leach Maness of Marion was the guest of his cousin, Miss Margaret Maness, Sunday.

Miss Virginia Groves and Miss Mary Groves of Asheville were the guests of Miss Edith Rowe Grady Sunday.

Mrs. S. F. Mauney and son Francis Mauney spent Saturday in Morganton.

Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Lewis were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. Buckner, of Swannanoa, last Sunday.

Tree Planting Worthy of Special Attention

The choice and arrangement of trees on the small country or suburban place are matters deserving of more attention than they appear in many cases to have received. A limited knowledge of trees, a random selection of nursery specimens and an unwise choice of locations are sometimes represented in tree plantings.

Many a tree is not adapted to its location in character and effect or suited to the size of the place on which it is planted. Even where, from the purely practical standpoint, no mistake is made, it is obvious that an exercise of imagination may result in charm and distinction rather than dullness and monotony.

Where possible the native trees on the place may well form the nucleus of the planting. There may be no native trees, however, which are suitable to retain. Existing trees, if any, may have to be sacrificed, due to their interference with approaches or with the house itself. In this respect the problem of the small place is perhaps more difficult, and differs essentially from that of the large country place where there is more leeway as to placing the house with respect to contour of ground, vistas and existing or future trees.

Civic Barnacles Clog Pathway to Progress

Barnacles attach themselves to the hulls of vessels and other submerged objects. They retard the speed and efficiency and cause loss of time and revenue, to say nothing of the loss of energy that could have been directed in a profitable way. Every so often a thorough cleaning is necessary by scraping off the barnacles and otherwise cleaning up the object, says the Miami (Fla.) Herald.

Civic clubs and other organizations may be likened to ships and therefore find it imperative to scrape off the "barnacles" members. After a most thorough and complete cleaning the organization presents a bright appearance. It is cleaner, brighter and carries a more wholesome spirit into the various endeavors by the membership.

As a result of this cleaning activity greater work can be done and the returns will be twofold: a better member and a better club that will serve more effectively the needs of the city. There might be a "Barnacle" day each year so that this cleaning process could be done all at one time.

Beautifying the Roadside

After an improved road has been made, little attention is paid as a rule to the roadside. From the point of view of the driver, the road may be a marvelous piece of work, but to the esthetically inclined passenger the outlook may be quite different. The average highway is lined with jagged cuts, homely banks, tree trunks and refuse of one kind or another. The Vermont Chamber of Commerce has started in upon a campaign to beautify the roads and roadsides and is endeavoring to make it a nationwide movement. Connecticut sets out rambler roses, woodbine and honeysuckle. Many other states set out trees in large numbers. This, together with the efforts being made to overcome the billboard nuisance, may have the effect of restoring the rural scenery to an acceptable condition.

Proper Planning Saves Money

"One of the greatest blights of our cities, one of the biggest and hardest problems to be solved, is that of the disfigurement and upset to surrounding property caused by railroads and other transportation agencies. Great economic losses ensue, with depressing and deteriorating influence upon the poor creatures of humanity who generally drift to the depreciated neighborhoods along railroad rights of way. There is also the great loss of time and inconvenience to whole cities by misplaced or outgrown yards, terminals and other facilities, that proper cooperation and planning, on the part of public and carriers, should make wholesome, esthetic and compatible with the reasonable amenities of life.

Beauty Essential

To meet the demand of the present day, buildings must be not only efficiently planned and soundly built, but they must also be beautiful.

"It is being found that good architecture in commercial and apartment buildings is a real asset and a sound investment." Rollin C. Chapin of the Minnesota chapter of the American Institute of Architects pointed out.

Work Reflects Materials

Inferior materials are not conducive to good workmanship. Rather, they invite poor workmanship, for the carpenter, plasterer or other artisan takes his cue as to the quality of workmanship desired from the quality of materials furnished. To state the fact explicitly, no carpenter can do a good job with inferior materials.

Roofing Material

When the roof covers a large surface and as it comes down close to the eye of the observer, the selection of its material has much to do with the architectural success of the house.

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