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BOOKS

We never speak our deepest feelings; Our holiest hopes have no revealing. Save in the gleam that lights the face Or fancies that the pen may trace. And hence to books the heart must turn
When with unspoken thoughts we yearn,
And gather from the silent page The just reproof, the counsel sage, The consolation kind and true That soothes and heals the wounded heart.
—Mrs. Hale's Virgil of Love.

BOOKS A FUNDAMENTAL NEED

There are three classes of books—books that give pleasure, books that give information, and books that give inspiration. The first class has its thousands of readers, the second its hundreds, and the third its tens. It is a good thing to read books for pleasure . . . It is a better thing to read books for information. It is one of the healthiest joys of the normal mind to be forever learning something; forever learning and forever coming to the knowledge of the truth. It is the best thing, however, to read books for inspiration.—Sam Walter Foss, late librarian and author.

A liberal education may be had at a very slight cost of time and money. Well filled though the day may be with appointed tasks, to make the best possible use of your one or of your ten talents, rest not satisfied with this professional training, but try to get the education, if not of a scholar, at least of a gentleman. Before going to sleep read for half an hour, and in the morning have a book open on your dressing table. You will be surprised to find how much can be accomplished in the course of a year.—Sir William Osler

THE OLD FORT LIBRARY

The Old Fort Library, which is a free county and state library, is beginning its fourth year and has shown a steady growth since its beginning when the citizens of this community were asked to meet at the school auditorium and "bring a book." Mrs. Griggs, of the Library commission, addressed this meeting and encouraged the leaders in this movement to make this a free library, that by so doing they could depend on the assistance of the State Library Commission, the commission being anxious to establish free libraries in each county in North Carolina.

A large number of books have been donated to this small but growing collection by citizens of this community who are in sympathy with this worthy cause, some giving valuable sets of books. Fifty dollars was donated by the Old Fort Woman's Club and \$100 was given by the County Commissioners. "Traveling libraries" books numbering 100 or more have been sent to the library by the Library Commission at Raleigh to be used several months and then returned. A number of books have also been donated to this library by the commission.

No doubt some day some person who loves books and who realizes the great influence that good books have over the lives of growing boys and girls will present this library with a present of either books, money or a building.

The report sent the Library Commission at Raleigh last year was as follows:

Number of volumes in shelves, 515; number of books added by gift and purchase, 214. Total number at end of year, 723. Traveling library from Raleigh, 213. Number of periodicals received during the year, 12. Number of borrowers registered during the year, 87. Total number of borrowers, 201.

A large number of the borrowers are from the rural sections. If there is any person living in or near Old Fort who does not know that this library is their library, they are cordially invited to visit it on Saturday afternoons and enjoy the many good books they will find on the shelves. There is not any charge unless the book is kept out over 14 days. All books are requested to take care of books and return them promptly.

Dr. Robert J. Gill, of Henderson, N. C., is believed the oldest practicing physician in the state. He is 84 and has practiced 63 years.

YOUTH AND SOCIETY

Edward J. Ingle, Pastor Old Fort Baptist Church.

One beautiful day I stood on Look out Mountain in Tennessee, gazing at the beautiful scenery in the valley below. To my right I noticed a small house with a window in which there were glasses of various colors. Upon entering the small Souvenir Shop, for such it was, there were several people looking through the different colored glasses. The proprietor was saying to those at the window, "Look through this glass and you will get a view of the landscape in summer; through this, a view of it in winter," and so on. Surely this is the way of many people today. Some of them look through the dark glass and see nothing in youth but that which is bad. Yet, others look through the bright glass of hope and see the youth overcoming the problems in a marvelous way.

The youth of today have more difficult problems than the youth of yesterday. Society is growing more complex. It is more difficult to discern between right and wrong than ever before. What youth needs is not more destructive criticism but a more sympathetic understanding on the part of the older people with them in their struggles.

Society owes youth a debt, and this debt it is beginning to recognize. There are few parents who wish for their children the same limited advantages which they themselves had. They rather are willing to sacrifice in order that the youth may have better advantages. This is the debt Society owes to Youth. Our nation of tomorrow must be built out of the boys and girls of today. If we are to have a better nation tomorrow, youth must have better advantages than the youth of yesterday. Society has made it possible for youth to have these advantages in every field of activity, and youth today is being recognized as never before. We find youth leading in many of our fields of industry and other fields of endeavor.

On one occasion a youth said to a minister, "Society owes me a living." To this the minister replied, "Yes, but remember, you owe society a life." Truly, if society owes youth a debt, youth in return owes society a debt. The present advantages offered youth were not brought forth overnight, but are the result of years of effort and sacrifice. Youth is a debtor to society to take advantage of every opportunity offered for his development. There are advantages offered today, never dreamed of before. There are high schools today in reach of every boy and girl, where once there was only the one teacher school. Youth owes to society the grasping of these advantages and thus help rid our state of illiteracy. There are beautiful churches now, where once the small one room church stood. Youth owes it to the church to grasp this opportunity to help rid the nation of many ills, by throwing its strength with the right.

Youth of today is facing many problems and solving them. Character is harder to build today, due to the multitude of questionable amusements thrown around the youth. The building of character is one of the many debts which youth owes society. If the nation of tomorrow is to be secure the youth of today must be careful as to what goes into their character. It is said that as Columbus stood on the deck one day, a flock of birds flew overhead. Forgetting for a moment, he looked up. While looking his ship was turned a small bit. Of course it did not mean much then but at the end of the journey it meant the difference between a point near Nova Scotia and San Salvador. So it is with youth; an act may be small now, but in the end may be the difference between failure and success.

MISS FINCH HOSTESS AT CARD PARTY

Miss Selma Finch entertained the "Black-Jack Club" on Thursday evening with a delightful card party. Bridge and dancing were enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served to the following: Misses Hazel Swann, Virginia Vess, Nell Porter, Jessica Silver, Bonnie Silver and Selma Finch; Messrs. Carl Rock, Merrill Kanipe, Lester Jordan, Robert Crawford, Carlyle Nesbitt and Joe Lee Burgin.

DEATH OF INFANT

Carolyn, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sawyer died Tuesday night in Black Mountain. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. J. Ingle, of the Old Fort Baptist Church. Interment took place in the Old Fort cemetery Thursday afternoon.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Miss Aleda Gilliland, a nurse at the Aston Park Hospital, left Sunday after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gilliland. Little J. C. Long spent several days in Nebo last week.

J. A. Swann, who has been ill for the past week, is much improved.

Miss Millie Kanipe left Sunday for Nebo where she is a member of the school faculty.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Case and two children, Gladys and Ethel, of Dana, visited relatives in Old Fort Monday.

Miss Sally Thompson is ill with influenza.

Miss Frances Sherrill, who is attending business college in Asheville, spent the week-end with her parents.

Miss Edith and Katie McCall of West Asheville spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Moody.

Arnold Moody returned to Chapel, S. C., Sunday after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Don Gosorn and two children Norma and Glenn, spent Friday in Asheville.

Miss Ray Cooper of Marion was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday.

E. McCannless of Bryson City is visiting relatives in Old Fort this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Moody and son, of Newberry, S. C., spent the week-end in Old Fort.

Miss Hazel Swann spent Tuesday in Asheville.

Mrs. Harvey Rockett has as her house guest this week her sister, Miss Griffin, of Maccliefeld, N. C.

Miss Myrtle Lytle left last week for Beaufort, N. C., where she is a teacher.

Miss Maude Spencer of Marion was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday.

C. O. Jones of Marion was a visitor in Old Fort Thursday.

J. L. Hudgins of Marion was in Old Fort Friday on business.

Leonidas Rhinehardt spent the week-end in Asheville with relatives.

Mrs. C. W. Morrison of Asheville was a visitor in Old Fort Saturday.

Mrs. C. N. Allison of Asheville was in Old Fort Saturday.

W. C. Early was called to Marion Sunday on account of the serious illness of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Lewis and small son of Knoxville, Tenn., were week-end visitors in Old Fort.

Miss Geneva Early, who is working in Asheville, spent the week-end here with her parents.

Mrs. J. L. Rayle is ill at her home in New Fort.

Miss Sadie Burgin and Mrs. Evelyn Wrenn spent Monday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Haynes and small son, Preston Francis, were visitors in Marion Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Finch is seriously ill at her home on Main street.

Miss Nellie Blankenship has as her house guest this week Miss Mildred Baumgardner of Asheville.

E. W. Griffen of Swannanoa was in Old Fort Monday.

J. B. Haynes is in Cashiers this week on business.

Mrs. R. H. Taylor left Monday evening for Mission, Texas, to visit Mrs. I. V. Beasley for six weeks. Mrs. Taylor will also spend some time touring Mexico. Mr. Taylor will join her there and, together they will make the return trip by motor, stopping in New Orleans for the Mardi Gras.

A CORRECTION

Through a misunderstanding, last week's issue of the Old Fort News carried the announcement that Mrs. P. H. Mashburn had been appointed general chairman of arrangements for serving soup to the school children. Mrs. K. G. Rhinehardt was appointed chairman of this undertaking.

MRS. E. J. INGLE HOSTESS

The young ladies of the Baptist Church were invited to the home of Mrs. E. J. Ingle for the purpose of organizing a Y. W. A. Friday evening.

An interesting program of games and contests had been arranged by the hostess and were greatly enjoyed by the guests.

BASKET BALL GAME

The Old Fort High School basketball team met the Black Mountain team on the latter's court Friday night. The Black Mountain boys defeated by the Old Fort team, 21 to 7.

The 25 farmers' mutual exchanges now operating in this state did a combined business of over a million and a half dollars in 1930.

OLD FORT GLEE CLUBS APPEARED IN CONCERT

The Senior and Junior Glee Clubs of the Old Fort School appeared in concert on Friday evening under the direction of Miss Kathryn McCall, who also played the accompaniments and gave a group of two artistic piano selections.

The program consisted of solos, duets, quartettes and sextettes, interspersed with chorus singing. Besides numerous classics, there were patriotic, religious and popular numbers to suit a variety of tastes.

DEATH OF A. W. PADGETT

Alfred W. Padgett died at his home east of Old Fort on Sunday morning after several months serious illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday by Rev. J. L. Rayle and interment made at Ebenezer cemetery.

Mr. Padgett is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. Etta Kelly, Mrs. J. L. Grant, A. A. Padgett of Old Fort, Prof. James Padgett of Waxahaskie, Texas, Mrs. L. Reid and Mrs. Sally Hamby of Black Mountain and R. C. Padgett of Los Angeles, California.

WILL PROVIDES FOR DIVISION OF MIRROR

Fort Myers, Fla., Jan. 7.—A will has been filed in Glades county which may require the cutting in two of a mirror.

The will is that of Mrs. Mary Shaw Yoe, of Louisville, Ky. The instrument states that the mirror, now an heirloom in the Yoe home in Kentucky, may be desired by two daughters and in that case it is to be cut in two.

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