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## OUR PAPER

This is our first attempt at writing a newspaper. We—that have assigned parts—are doing our best to make it pleasant and advantageous. We need and must have the cooperation of the pupils, teachers, and patrons of the school in order to make a success; but we are sure of their willingness and readiness to lend a helping hand as they have invariably done in other beneficial achievements of the school.

We want our paper to be a help and not a hindrance to every boy and girl in school. We are enabled to do this only by producing the best material encouraging athletic games, and helping each other in a brotherly and sisterly way.

We hope that everyone will look forward to the arrival of the "Berea Gazette" with an eager and joyful heart.

Editor.

## HOME

Did you ever fully realize what "Home" meant to you? If not allow your mind to drift in that direction a little bit once in awhile. It doesn't matter where you live, in the country, in the town or city, or in the backwoods if you have a place that you can call "Home" you should be very thankful. Just think of the little orphan children that have no home, no father, or mother, or sister, or brother to watch over and advise them. How would you like to trade places with them for just one little week? Then think of being deprived of these friends for fifteen or twenty years. Yet some of us seldom think of what home really is. Home is a place in which you can always rest and be contented, and no one has a right to run you away; although some are not contented. I've heard lots of boys say, "I could make my living lots and lots easier if I didn't have to stay with father." Some few try this and succeed, but most of them come back with the old, old tune, "Be It Ever So Humble There's No Place Like Home."

P. G.

## PROCRASTINATION

The person that puts off till to-morrow will never accomplish much in this life nor in the life to come; though we all delay more or less. It seems to be our nature to put off till to-morrow what should be done today. A great many farmers are slothful in business. They will put off till some other time. But on the other hand a good many farmers do not delay as others. They are seeking riches for this life. It is our duty to be industrious if we ever expect to accomplish any thing in this life or in the life to come. If we do not prepare in this life for the life to come we will be miserable throughout the endless ages of Eternity. Forbid that we who live in a land of Bibles should delay to prepare for that important day to which we all are hastening.

Walter Critcher.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Mrs. S. L. Vaughan and daughter, Magnolia, motored to Durham last Sunday night accompanied by Mr. Moffett Hester.

Mr. G. W. Slaughter, underwent an operation at Watts Hospital and is recovering rapidly.

The morning exercise was conducted Wednesday morning by the High School boys and girls to the delight of every one.

Mr. Bud Day and Miss Lottie Gentry were happily married Saturday, October 20th.

Miss Bettie Brooks received the prize at the tacky party at Mrs. Graham Tillison's.

Mrs. Louis Thorp is having her house remodeled.

Mr. Paul Thorp has gone to Durham to spend the week.

Mr. S. L. Slaughter was in Durham, Thursday, to see his brother, Mr. G. W. Slaughter, who is recovering slowly from operation.

## THE PANAMA CANAL

Until gold was found near our west coast, only trails and wagon roads led across the Isthmus of Panama. Then a railroad was built. But for many years people thought how useful a canal would be so that ships could pass from one ocean to the other without going thousands of miles around South America.

A French company tried to build a canal, but the cost was too great, and work was stopped. Then our nation bought the right to build it. To build this useful waterway, our country bought from the little republic of Panama a strip of land five miles wide on each side of the Canal route. This strip of land ten miles wide across the isthmus is called the Canal Zone.

The Canal itself is a magnificent public work. It is not dug down to ocean level all the way, but in places ships are lifted in locks near one side and then let down in locks not far from the other side. Some of these locks are 110 feet wide and 1000 feet long, arranged in pairs so as to provide for vessels going in either direction. The Canal passes through two large artificial lakes, one of them over thirty miles long, made by a dam across the Chagres River; and through a tremendous cut in the hills at Gaillard. Its channel is broad and deep, and from 300 to 500 feet wide at the bottom.

One of the chief difficulties encountered in building the Canal was to keep the workers free from sickness. Sanitary measures enforced by the United States made the Zone a healthful place.

The Panama Canal saves much time for ships going from one coast of our country to the other, or from our west coast to Europe. Ships can also go from our east coast to the west coast of South America, or to Japan and China by the way of the Canal, and thus avoid the old and much longer route.

Helen Adcock.

## AUTUMN

One bright morning in October while on my way to school, I saw lots of things to make one think of the wonderful works of nature. As I passed through the woods the birds were flying from tree to tree chirping and singing. This suggested to me the thought that they were preparing to spend their winter days in some other climate. The trees were quietly laying their carpet of brown upon mother earth. The leaves which had been so beautiful in spring, and summer had well finished their task, and were falling never to rise again.

There is a lesson in an autumn scene if we but stop to study it. Fall always leaves a sad impression upon us. We think of the things we might have said to lighten some heavy heart, and of the things we said or did that could have been left unsaid or done. Oh, that this could have been done, we never think of the part at any other time as at autumn. When the birds bid us farewell, and deprive us of their beautiful song, we feel as if we had lost an old friend. All these things would cast a lasting gloom over us if it were not for the thought of coming spring.

Crawford Knott.

## THE MAGIC VINE

A fairy seed I planted,  
So dry and white and old;  
There sprang a vine enchanted  
With a magic lesson of gold.

I watched it, I tended it,  
And truly, by and by  
It bore a lesson of magic  
Never tell a lie.

Myrtle Fuller.

The rule of might and tyranny of thought have oppressed mankind since the world began but light is breaking and the sunlight of freedom is good. Freedom permits many abuses; strange ideas and theories spring up, but eventually error is bound to fall of its own weight.

## HUIOR

Willie—"Pass m the butter."  
Mother (reproachfully)—"If what, Willie?"

Willie—"If you can reach it."  
Jean—"Mrs. Peke, your daughter, Bailey, has promised to become my wife."

Mrs. Peake—"Well, don't come to me for sympathy you might have known something would happen to you, hanging around here five nights a week."

Lillian—"Did you tell anybody about my pies?"

Coffee—"Oh, yes, I had to tell the doctor what ails me."

Mike—"I lost my dog, Pat, what am I going to do?"

Pat—"Why don't you advertise for him?"

Mike—"Sure, my dog can't read advertisements."

Any one having a Studebaker touring car and contemplating a trip to Durham, see Moffett Hester. Maffet just loves to take those trips through the county, especially on a Studebaker—Oh, Iv!

Teacher—"James, tell me what are the five senses."

Absent-minded pupil—"A nicle."

Walter—"Do ye eat them there clams?"

Teacher—"Yes, er sho' does."

Teacher—"I never could play a rag."

Clarence—"Neither could I, I've always had to war the dog-gone things."

Teacher—"All right, girls, I'm ready for your Economics."

Pupil—"God knows man!"

Pervis—"I have seen but one girl today that didn't live rouge on her face, guess who she was."

Crawford—"An angel from heaven, I guess."

Pervis—"No, it was Elsie Cole and she was on her way to Pittman's drug store."

Mother—"Always think twice before you speak."

Tommy—"Gee, ma, if you think twice before you speak, you must do some swift thinking when you get after pa!"

Jannie—"Pervis, did your mother raise much poultry last year?"

Pervis—"No, Jannie, she planted some, but the chickens scratched it up."

Paul's time came to read on class, he came to the word, "Grace," and could not pronounce it.

Teacher—"Paul, you know that word."

Paul—"N'am, I don't."

Teacher—"Well, Paul, what was the first thing your father said at the breakfast table this morning?"

Paul (after thinking a moment)—"Kids, hit the butter low."

Aleane—"Lizzie, why didn't you go with Clyde to Church Sunday?"

Lizzie—"Because I was afraid of Miss Fuller."

Young Preacher—"Do you know, Billy Sunday has preached the devil out of more people than any other man on earth?"

Ford Owner—"That's nothing, John Henry Ford has bumped the devil out of more people than any other man on earth."

Miss Pauline Hbgood's face powder gave out last week so she is visiting this week.

If anyone finds a Ford Coupe (license No. 26-951) parked at Stovall High School, please go to Miss Crew's room and tell that bald-headed man to come back to Berea, we need him. Thanks.

R.—"More ribbon is being worn in Berea High School than any other school in Granville. Wonder why?"

T.—"To play with, I guess."

Clarence (as Dodge truck emptied its occupants)—"Who is that strange girl?"

Walter—"I don't know, but she does look queer."

An approacher—"That is Lucy Mae. She put her head out of the truck window to see Moffitt as he passed, and the rain washed the rouge off her face."

## SOME CHANGES DURING LAST FIFTY YEARS

Let us stop and look back fifty years or more ago. When we think of what we have now, we wonder how it was that the people of that day lived with any less than we have.

If you would only investigate, you would be astonished at the marvelous changes that have been made in our immediate town and country.

Many of the people even of the country now have modern conveniences, such as lights and water works, where those of the town did not have them.

Schools are located now where they were never dreamed of being, and every child that will, has an opportunity to go to school. The men and women of our country are beginning to see the need of an education, therefore, they are giving more attention to building more and better schools. The Berea High School for example, gives every child in this section of the county a better opportunity to get an education than the smaller school did a few years ago. Because we have better means of getting to and from school, better teachers, better equipment, such as electric lights, and water works. In the smaller schools, we had nothing but a few lamps, and lanterns that we could get in the neighborhood for lighting up the rooms.

The means of traveling and transportation years ago were very crude compared with those of today. Then only the wealthier people had a buggy even, now both rich, and poor have an automobile. Children who had to walk four or five miles a few years ago have only a little way to walk to get to the trucks which bring them right to the school house door.

Railroads have been laid almost all over the world and most people have access to them. The telephone, telegraph, and wireless are among many things we enjoy now that most people then had never heard of.

## A THUNDERSTROM

One hot afternoon in August all the family were sitting on the porch laughing and talking when suddenly we noticed that the clouds were getting dark and everything seemed as still as death. We knew that storm was coming up, so we all rushed into the house to close the windows and doors, but before we had gone more than half way a sudden glimmer of lightning flashed across the heavens, followed immediately by a loud crash and roar of thunder.

The clouds, within a short while had gathered over all the sky, and hung so heavily that it looked as if they would drop in one solid mass upon the earth.

The wind began to blow so hard that great limbs from the trees were wrung off like twigs, and the rain descended in torrents.

## ATHLETIC NEWS

We are preparing the grounds for basketball, football, volley ball and baseball. We hope to have them in perfect condition in a short time. The boys seem to highly interested in getting ready for playing.

The girls are very much interested in the play grounds, also.

We expect to challenge some of the other schools just as soon as we boys get our breath to working sufficiently.

Ath. Editor.

## MY PONY

Once upon a time I had a pony and he ran away and I could not catch him, but I could let my Papa catch him for me. Every day I ride on my pony's back and ride him to Ed's home and play with him till nearly night and come and put him in the stable and feed him three ears of corn and one bunch of fodder. That's as much as he can eat.

Sam Daniel, 2nd grade, 7 years old.

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## EDUCATIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF A COUNTY

The field work being done by Mr. George Howard, Jr., of the State Department of Education is of singular interest and value. To him as State Director of School Organization falls the task, when called upon, of making an adequate survey of school conditions in a county that proposes to adopt a county-wide plan of school organization and development. This work, as explained by Mr. Howard and illustrated by blueprints before the county superintendent's district associations, forms a highly interesting and enlightening feature of such meetings that no county superintendent should miss.

The foregoing is only preliminary to calling attention to the four great educational obligations of a county to its children, as outlined by Mr. Howard to the county superintendents at their recent meeting in Raleigh. A county owes to its boys and girls, says Mr. Howard, to provide:

1. A standard elementary education for every boy and girl in the county. This includes—
  - a. An eight months' school term
  - b. A competent teacher, teaching only one grade.
  - c. Adequate teaching equipment.
2. A standard high school education for every boy and girl in the county. This calls for—
  - a. A four-year course of study.
  - b. An eight months' school term
  - c. Four whole-time teachers, one of whom may be a teacher of vocational subjects.
  - d. Recitation periods of at least forty-five minutes in length.
  - e. Fifteen units for graduation.
  - f. Laboratory facilities for teaching science.
  - g. A school library of not fewer than 300 volumes.
3. A comfortable, sanitary building for every boy and girl in the county.

## HALLOW'EEN

Now for the fearful night of Halloween,

With all its witches and ghosts to be seen

Roaming and wandering through valley and dale.

With every timid person to assail.

The red devils slyly come along,

The witches and ghosts to enthrone.

Then up or down, far or near,

Where e'er it be they are there

Ready to scare, jump or run

If ever there is a chase begun.

So hark! be watchful as you journey,

be quick!

As not to be entrapped by any of their tricks.

Mr. Rounder (at police station)—"Can I see the burglar who was arrested for breaking into my house last night?"

Chief (hesitatingly)—"Well, I don't know. What do you want to see him about?"

Rounder—"Oh, there's nothing secret about it. I just want to find out how he managed to get into the house without waking my wife."

—Exchange.

A clergyman not long ago received the following notice regarding a marriage that was to take place:

"This is to give you notice that I and Miss Jemima Brearly is comin' to your church on Saturday afternoon next to undergo the operation of matrimony at your hands. Please be prompt, as the taxi is hired by the hour."

—Selected.