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This Week



EUGENISTS MEAN WELL, BUT EARTH—BIG ALMA MATER WHY THE 10 COMMANDMENTS BUT CAN YOU ENFORCE IT?

The eugenists in the birth control convention plan for a better race by "artificial selection" which would mean making the right husband of the right wife.

You can do that with cows, horses etc. But with them you only breed a body. Among human beings you produce that very mysterious thing called a soul, and that's different.

You might marry a John L. Sullivan to Hypatia or a Michael Angelo Moses to the Venus of Milo, and be bitterly disappointed in results.

On the other hand, a tall, fierce country girl, Nancy Hanks, probably unable to read or write, marries a local noble do well, and the result is Abraham Lincoln. The Lord seems to reserve for himself certain problems.

Harvard will spend twelve million dollars to improve the study of agriculture. That's sensible.

English-speaking nations study Latin and Greek. The Greek philosophers studied the Egyptian language and hieroglyphics. Millions of dollars are spent teaching various kinds of knowledge used but little after the student leaves school.

It is about time to begin studying seriously old Mother Earth, the original Alma Mater, from which we spring, upon which we depend absolutely during life, and to which we all return.

In Paris a young girl, fifteen years old, Dr. Lacretie, evidently of the Madame Curie type, has produced a new fuel for automobile engines. It is made from sugar and is cheaper and more efficient than any substitute for gasoline thus far discovered.

Experiments justify the prediction of Professor Haldane that chemistry will soon make sugar as cheap as sodium. The possible problem may temporarily be solved by "sugar powder."

Religious organizations, convinced that public schools should include religious training in the daily routine demand that the ten commandments be read to the children at least once a week.

Wouldn't "the Sermon on the Mount" be better reading for the children than the ten commandments? In a general way every child up to ten knows of the ten commandments or as many as a child should understand.

Two or three of the commandments are fortunately not necessary to the child up to fifteen.

Why not leave religion to religious teachers and public school education to public school teachers, and keep the two separate, which has been the American plan thus far?

A man, just dead, was at one time a clergyman in the Protestant Episcopal church. Later belonged to the Greek Orthodox Church, and at the time he died he was one of the Gray Friars in a Roman Catholic monastery.

You admire such earnest seeking after truth and wonder what this man of three religions learned about religion when he passed over into the other world.

Did he find that only one religion is officially recognized above, or is one better than the others, or does it all depend on how you act toward your fellow man, the Creator of the Universe not being so much interested in what you think about Him? Definite answers would be interesting.

President Coolidge says the states should help the national government to enforce the dry laws. So they should, out of respect for Constitution and law.

But while the necessary seventy-five per cent of the states ratified the Constitutional Amendment, nearly one hundred per cent violate it, and their juries sympathize with the violators.

The question for the President and the nation is this: How can the use of whiskey be stamped out? What is to be done to stop the drunkenness and open drinking of bootleg whiskey among school children? Prohibition seems to have put millions in this nation on a whiskey drinking basis. What can be done about that?

PREPARING FOR DASH TO THE NORTH POLE

Plymouth, England, April 13.—Gretir Algrarsson and the men who will accompany him on his exploration trip to the north pole, left yesterday on the little steamer Iceland for Liverpool, from which place the start is to be made.

The final dash to the pole is to be made in a small airship of the blimp type, and Algrarsson is taking with him thirty tons of cylinders containing 50,000 cubic feet of gas for inflating the craft.

Algrarsson, a young British Columbian, said the expedition was "purely a British show" with the idea of boat ing Captain Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer in an air race to the pole.

Lieutenant Council Selected for the Cruise to the North Pole

A number of naval officers have been selected to help Donald B. McMillan, Arctic explorer, in an expedition to the region west of the north pole. Among these will be Lieut. H. F. Conwell, son of Judge W. B. Conwell of Hickory, who will be one of the ones to pilot the expedition's amphibian planes.

A HIGHWAY ORDINANCE

Following is a law passed by the general assembly of North Carolina:

"It shall be unlawful for any vehicle, engine, team or contrivance, whatsoever to move upon any portion of the State Highway or the bridges thereof which has a flange, rib or clamp or other object attached to its wheels or made a part thereof, and which is likely to bruise, injure or mutilate the surface of such road or bridge, without written permission first obtained from the State Highway Commission. This section shall not be construed to prohibit tire chains of reasonable proportions on vehicles when required for safety and arising from conditions tending to cause such vehicles to slide or skid."

PRESERVING EGGS

By preserving eggs when plentiful and at the lowest price of the year, to be used when scarce and therefore the highest priced, is economy. The method of preserving eggs is cheap, simple and easy to manage when certain directions are carried out. Eggs now are selling at 20 cents per dozen. In November and December they will probably be bringing 35 cents and 40 cents per dozen. To preserve cheap eggs for table use when eggs are high and thereby enabling you to sell your fresh eggs at the highest price without disturbing your table is well worth considering.

The cost of preserving eggs in water glass amounts to about 5 cents per dozen. Complete directions for preserving eggs may be had by applying to your county agent.

Brother Stukenbrok's Appointments

Rev. K. D. Stukenbrok and wife have appointments at the following places, at which time Brother Stukenbrok will preach, and Mrs. Stukenbrok will likely have a message for the women: Pleasant Grove April 25, 11 a. m.; Zionville April 26, 3 p. m.; Union April 26, 7:30 p. m.; Beaver Dam, Monday April 27, 11 a. m.; Bethel Monday April 27, 7:30 p. m.; Antioch, Tuesday April 28th, 7:30 p. m. and Middle Fork Wednesday April 29, 7:30 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Stukenbrok are fine Christian workers and they will be an inspiration to these churches. Those who live within reach of these churches should not fail to hear Bro. Stak.

F. M. HUGGINS

RIDDLE FORK

We are having fine weather. Every one seems to be busy plowing. Mr. John Norris and son Willard are building a nice bungalow. Mr. Clifford Norris spent Friday night with Mr. Walter Woodring. Mr. John Jackson and Frank Woodring made a business trip to Wilkes county last week. Mr. Bynum Norris of Boone spent Friday night with home folks. Mr. Ed Norris of Todd is now moving back to Soda. Mr. Mariam Miller is doing the hauling. Mr. Clifford Norris left our community Sunday for Three Top. Mr. Willie Clawson has gone to Blowing Rock to work for his brother Clyde. Mr. Eugene Stephens is busy working in his garden.

LEGION QUOTA IN N. C. OVER SUBSCRIBED

Raleigh, April 13.—North Carolina \$60,000 quota of the American Legion's \$5,000,000 endowment fund has been oversubscribed in every town that has finished its campaign, according to figures received in Raleigh, and today, which marks the beginning of the week set apart for the campaign in the state, gets a fine start.

Governor McLean has issued a proclamation making this American Legion week. The last town which more than met its expectation was Lumberton, Governor's home. It was over the quota near the end of the week and had a liberal surplus. Governor McLean has given the movement his heartiest endorsement.

YOUTHFUL SUICIDE LEAVES PICTURE PHANTASIES OF YOUTH

Chicago, April 14.—Robert Preston, 21 years old, Northwestern University student, and son of a wealthy Oak Park family, ended what he considered a life of failures with a desperate death in Lake Michigan yesterday.

A bullet wound in the head and a brief case of diaries strapped to him and weighed down with three heavy piles of iron were the only things the youth apparently drew from his self-confessed philosophy— "When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang yourself."

Coroners and physicians described the diaries as amazingly frank revelations of the phantasies of a modern youth. The doctors found tragedy in the lad's confessions of his struggle against an incurable diabetic condition and in his consequent abandonment and indulgence of times which a rigorous diet forbade him.

While a student at Northwestern and for a short time previously at the University of Illinois, he had suffered almost continuously from the disease his parents said.

In a note to his parents, which he left in his room in Evanston, young Preston wrote:

"Dear Folks: I'm sorry I'm causing you all this trouble, but you are working for my good and I am too. I am only sorry that I could not show my appreciation for what you were doing for me; for I do appreciate it. I've thought it all out, and am not acting on the spur of the moment. Please let the matter drop as soon as possible by knowing that I am at last contented."

The youth's father, W. H. Preston is district manager for the Corticelli Silk Company.

IN HONOR OF CENTENNARIAN

One hundred years ago last Tuesday Mr. A. P. Wilson of Horton, first saw the light of day, and in commemoration of that event, his loved ones, near relatives and close friends spread an elaborate and most enjoyable luncheon at the home of Mr. J. Crit Green, his son-in-law, on New River. The attendance was large, several counties being represented. The Rev. Watts, pastor of Three Forks church who acted as master of ceremonies, made an address which was much enjoyed by all present. He was followed by Professor I. G. Greer, Rev. L. C. Wilson and others in short but appropriate talks.

The day was ideal and Mr. Wilson was moved out to the long table in his wheeled chair, and seemed happy as a boy as he shook hands and conversed with many of the older people in the county. Mr. Finley Greer, who is one year Mr. Wilson's senior, failed to be present, as did Mr. Jas. Taylor of Boone, who is now 99 years old, both on account of not feeling strong enough for the strain that such an occasion would naturally bring about. The oldest man present was Mr. Wash Norris of Meat Camp who is now 94. The Confederate drum corps, consisting of Messrs. Lorenza Miller, 84, Enoch Swift, 78, and Geo. Roten, whose age we do not know, was present and dispensed music—patriotic airs—for the occasion.

Mr. Wilson was a brave Confederate soldier, until he was wounded in the hand, after which he joined the home guard, and served as such until the close of the Civil War. He has been a resident of this section—Watauga—since it was founded in 1849, and has always been an upright, honorable and respected citizen.

SPECIAL TERM WATAUGA SUPERIOR COURT

Owing to the congested condition of the civil docket in Watauga county the Governor of the state has granted a special term for civil cases only beginning on Monday June 15th and lasting as long as necessary to clear the docket. Judge Harding will preside at the special term.

FORD'S AIR SERVICE WILL BE PERMANENT

Detroit, Mich., April 15.—Commercial aviation on a time schedule basis between Chicago and Detroit commenced today in the flight of the Ford airplane "Maiden Dearborn" between the two cities.

The big silver-hued plane soared away from the Ford air port at Dearborn at 9:24 a. m. today, landed in Chicago three hours later and came swinging back at 5:36 eastern time, having accomplished the trip both ways in virtually the same time, two hours and 36 minutes.

The fastest train time is five hours and 25 minutes. It carried a thousand pounds of freight on its westward flight and a little less on its return. The weight of freight, driver and machine brought the total weight of the load carried at the start close to 1,600 pounds.

The present plane will make the trip on alternating days. Edsel Ford announced, daily flights awaiting the completion of a safer ship. It will be a service for the Ford plant only the younger Ford emphasized, the company having no intention of entering the mail or freight fields as a general carrying organization.

"The Chicago-Detroit line will be an experiment for a time," Mr. Ford declared. "We are not saying it is a success. Eventually we hope to link the larger of the Ford plants with the Dearborn plants by daily airplane service. This includes the plants at St. Paul, St. Louis, and Iron Mountain, in addition to the one at Chicago."

In spite of his statement that the line opened today was experimental, Mr. Ford also announced that the Chicago-Detroit service was permanent.

CAN'T FIND COUNTRY THAT WILL ADMIT HIM

Washington, April 13.—Prince Zerdeshch, self-styled Emir of Kurdistan, who has been shunted back and forth across the Atlantic between the United States and Great Britain, has been given permission to remain in this country for a week to give the steamship company that brought him here an opportunity to find a country that will admit him.

Zerdeshch, who now is at the Ellis Island Immigration Station, applied to permanent admission to this country after Great Britain refused to allow him to land there after his deportation from the United States. However, department officials declined to reconsider their previous deportation order.

RECOVERS HIS MEMORY AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Los Angeles, April 14.—With a twice broken thread of his memory mended again so as to connect him with events of a quarter of a century ago, Abner C. Bartlett, former New York produce merchant, boarded a train here yesterday with a son he had neither seen nor remembered in many years, to claim in the eastern city an estate that had long awaited him.

About 25 years ago Bartlett came to Southern California with his wife and three sons. The shock of her death in a railroad accident shortly after their arrival, unbalanced Bartlett's mind and he was placed in a private sanitarium. Many years later, after the outbreak of the war, he was pronounced cured and left the sanitarium just in time to learn that two of his boys, then grown men, had been killed in battle. The shock broke him; robbed him of memory. He wandered from place to place, Riverside, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Bernardino—and finally found work in peace on a ranch near Fresno. There it was that a private detective found him and reconstructed for him bit by bit his shattered recollection by relating to him the events of his early life. Yesterday the detective, P. W. Mohan, saw Bartlett and his son depart for the east.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE VALLE CRUCIS SCHOOL

Recently Judge Harding visited the school and made a very helpful talk at the song service hour on Sunday evening.

The new ice cream parlor which is being erected on the school property is nearly completed.

The ground plan for the new school has been submitted by Mr. Mackin, the architect to the building committee. A good supply of stone is on hand and it is hoped that the building will be under construction soon.

Services were conducted at the chapel of the Holy Cross during Holy Week.

Easter day at the school was appropriately observed. The day was begun by an early celebration of the Holy Communion at 6:30 in the Chapel of the Holy Cross.

At ten o'clock there was Sunday School, followed by morning prayer, a sermon, and another celebration of the Holy Communion.

A flower service for the children was held at 3:30 p. m. The Sunday School classes formed a line of march outside the church, banners bearing the names of each of the seven classes, were carried in the march. After they had entered the church, several special hymns were sung. During the singing of these hymns each class in turn went on to its class and placed bouquets of flowers in a wooden cross that had been placed for that purpose. By the side of the cross was a basket into which the members of the Sunday School placed gifts, boxes containing their Lenten offerings.

Immediately after the flower service there was a baptismal service in which twelve children were presented for baptism.

The day was closed with song service. The attendance at all of these services was very gratifying indeed.

Among the Easter visitors were Judge Scheen and Solicitor Graves. The faculty luncheon that are prepared each year by the Domestic Science classes of the high school was held Tuesday.

A community social gathering took place in the school dining room Monday night. Refreshments were served by the cooking department. Every one present seemed to have a good time.

NITRATE IN A NEW YORK ORCHARD

An article appearing in the Ontario County N. Y. Farm and Home Bureau News, December 1924, under the caption, "Nitrate of Soda was Valuable to this Orchard" is the story of an apple orchard, belonging to the Rohman Brothers of Hall.

The trees, now about 45 years old and for 15 years had not set one good crop, although each spring they blossomed profusely. For the past five years Mr. Redman had given the orchard extra attention, he practiced clean cultivation, sprayed thoroughly and one winter removed a large number of fruit spurs, hoping to strengthen the remainder. No crop resulted, however.

During the winter of 1923, a Cornell Specialist suggested to Mr. Redman, the possibility that the difficulty might be due to a lack of sufficient available nitrogen at blossoming time to set the fruit.

Accordingly, nitrate of soda, 5 to 8 pounds per tree, was applied May 12th, one week after the delayed dorm spray had been made. It was scattered generously under the trees to the fall spread of the branches. The orchard had been left in sod and enough untreated trees were left to afford a comparison with those receiving nitrate.

The results obtained were as follows: The average yield of 16 trees with nitrate was 13 bushels against an average of one bushel from each of 27 trees without nitrate.

In almost all sections of the country where there is any fruit growing there are run down orchards that can be made profitable by pruning, spraying and fertilization. As an example of what can be accomplished along the lines of orchard improvement, a recent report of the York County Farm Bureau, New York, is of interest. In 14 demonstrations, applications of 450 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre increased the yield of fruit 0.69 barrels per tree. The value of this increase was \$2.47 and the cost of the fertilizer was 21 cents, leaving an average increased net value of \$2.26 per tree.

Touch of Mystery in Capture of Rum Ship

New York, April 14.—Uncle Sam's rum chasing vessel today added \$250,000 to the value of recent liquor seizures in this vicinity, with the capture of the two-masted British 65-ton auxiliary schooner Madeline Adams, 20 miles off the coast.

There was some mystery about the capture of the small little craft, which had in her hold 3,700 cases of assorted liquors, including champagne, in addition to 100 barrels of alcohol on her decks. Captain Jacobs, commandant of the New York division of the coast guard, assured questioners that the schooner was taken 20 miles off Fire Island, but the fact that the coast guard cutter Seminole spent 12 hours in the chase lent color to reports that the pursuit took the speedy government boat from 150 to 200 miles out to sea and that a number of shots were fired across the fugitive's bow before the capture was made last yesterday and the Madeline Adams tonight was anchored off the Statue of Liberty—a coast guard prize.

Captain Jacobs said two of the schooner's crew had sought to bribe the crew of the government's rum chaser to take 500 cases of whiskey aboard last Saturday. The government men pretended to agree to the proposal. Captain Jacobs related, and said the concealment on the boat's decks, only to discharge the cargo of the United States barge officer at the battery and place the two men under arrest.

It was then that Captain Jacobs said he broadcast orders to all his chasers to "hunt the Madeline Adams if you have to chase her to the British three-mile limit."

The Seminole was the first to sight the Madeline Adams on rum row. This was early yesterday. The chase began. Reports of subsequent occurrences do not agree. Captain Jacobs insists that the chase never got very far off the coast. He admitted, however that the Seminole was 12 hours on the job.

The \$250,000 valuation, put upon the prize's cargo brings the value of contraband intoxicants taken in this vicinity by the Government in the past four days to almost \$1,000,000. Liquors found in a cove near Montauk Point last Saturday and Sunday were valued at \$500,000, bootleggers' wholesale prices.

BEECH CREEK LOCALS

Rev. Palmer who has been confined to his room for a long time was able to be taken out to Sunday School Sunday evening to the joy and surprise of his friends. We hope he may continue to improve and can come out and help us more in our Sunday School.

Mr. J. W. Harman was a pleasant visitor at his sons W. S. Harman's Sunday. The aged father is very feeble.

Wesley J. Presnell and Beatrice Cannon were married Saturday. We wish them much joy.

Mr. Geo. M. Harman purchased a new truck last week for the purpose of hauling produce this summer.

According to a letter received by W. M. Harman last week his son Ed. Harman has joined the army and will go to the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer of Shulls Mills spent the week end with relatives and friends here.

Dr. W. J. Love was called Saturday to see the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Reese, who was very ill.

METHODIST NOTES

The revival will continue to the last of the week. Attendance has been good, and many have reconsecrated their lives to the work of Christian service, while others have accepted Christ. Twenty-four have joined the Methodist church during the meeting by profession or letter.

Rev. Mr. Allen can not be with us Sunday but the usual service will be held at the 11 o'clock hour. There will be no evening service. Sunday School at 9:45. 250 were present last Sunday at Sunday School.

A number of church members have not attended our meeting at all, but we expect them to come before the revival ends.

Next week the revival at Blowing Rock will be in session and we hope to have a good meeting. All are invited to attend.