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A Merciful Act

A black boy from Sampson County, who has spent the past several months on "death row" at State's Prison, was given a sixty-day reprieve from death last Thursday by Governor O. Max Gardner...

Evidently Governor Gardner was not satisfied with the decision. He drove to the prison, had the negro brought to the warden's office, and for more than an hour the condemned man was subjected to direct examination by the expert attorney...

Time may erase the glory of Governor Gardner as an official; his accomplishments as a statesman may soon be forgotten by the rising generation...

CURFEW IN CAROLINA

The example of the Boone city fathers in enacting a curfew ordinance requiring children to keep off the streets after 9 o'clock at night...

For generations the old town bell in Ye Oldie Market House in the center of Fayetteville has been ringing out curfew at 9 o'clock at night...

A DIFFERENT ANGLE

Our mountainous neighbor, Boone, has passed a curfew law which seeks to impose a fine of \$5 on all children under 14 years of age found in the streets without their parents...

The curfew law may be spasmodically enforced for a year or two and then it will be forgotten—just another antique for future generations to dig up and smile over.

Gaston County had its largest co-operative poultry sale of the season at Cherryville recently when 6,161 pounds of culled chickens were loaded.

A flock of poultry in Forsyth tested three years ago for basillary white diarrhea had 50 per cent. reactors, but when tested against last week showed only two per cent.

Stepping Stones

By Albert T. Reid



"The Way of Life"

By BRUCE BARTON

STOPPING WAR

My friend Admiral Samuel McGowan was purchasing agent for the Navy during the World War.

He saw something of the fine idealism and sacrifice which war calls forth. But he saw, also, how greed and profiteering and the basest sort of selfishness wrap themselves in the cloak of patriotism and proceed cold-bloodedly to exploit the public necessity.

He sends me his plan for preventing war, in which I am glad to give wide publicity.

"Amend the Constitution," he urges, "so as to require that before war can be declared or participated in (except only in the event of attack or invasion) there shall be a referendum."

"That if a majority of the votes cast be for peace, there the matter ends; if for war, every able-bodied male citizen between the ages of 18 and 35 shall be drafted and"

"That from the day war is declared until peace is finally concluded, no price or wage shall exceed what it was 90 days prior to such declaration."

"That all profits in excess of five per cent. shall be forfeited to the Government, and that no person, firm or corporation shall in peacetime or war-time be received as a contractor who is not a manufacturer, or a regular dealer, in the articles to be supplied—regular dealer being none other than one who, at the time the offer is submitted, either owns outright the articles offered or dependably controls their source of supply."

I cannot see how any intelligent patriotic person can object to that proposal. If we had the sense and courage to write it into the constitution at once we should destroy war propaganda, for no one would be so foolish as to spend money on propaganda when no money could possibly be made from war.

We should entirely remove the present minimum on war and in its stead impose a very heavy penalty.

The silliness of war, under modern conditions of destructiveness, is almost as appalling as its horror.

Napoleon liked to tell the story of the Dey of Algiers who, on hearing that the French were fitting out an expedition to destroy the town, sent word that if the king would give him half the money that the expedition would cost he would burn the town down himself.

Our experience with war costs and war debts ought to have taught us that the Dey was a pretty wise old owl!

ANOTHER MEASURE OF SERVICE

The University of Arkansas is given as authority for the statement that larger drought loans had to be made in the counties which had no county agents than in the counties having such service. The average of the loans in counties with county agents was \$205.90. For all other counties the average was \$226.94. The explanation given is that \$21 less would meet the urgent needs, per family, in the county agent counties, because more feed was grown for livestock or more of the family living was provided from the farm.

Over fifty per cent. of the seed loans made in Caldwell County last spring have been paid in cash.

Three purebred Jersey bull calves were purchased by Wake county farmers from the Coastal Plain Branch Station herd in December.

The Family Doctor

By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES

A TRAGEDY

About three years ago, a housewife began to feel unable to perform her usual duties; she consulted a physician who found a small tumor of the uterus. She was about 46. The doctor kept her under observation, saying "I can remove the thing at any time, but will try to cure without operation, if possible."

He observed that the tumor grew rapidly, in spite of his palliative measures. The patient grew dissatisfied and changed doctors. The new one paid no attention to the tumor, and said she had diabetes, placing her on a strict diet at once.

Not feeling any better as time went on, the patient had the "staff chemist" of a quack institution make a urinalysis; this self-styled "expert" discovered that the patient was a victim of Bright's disease! Time went on—dragged on. Haemorrhages set in, which with the diet, greatly weakened the poor woman. A third doctor said it was "the change" and that "all women were troubled that way."

On advice from her second physician, she went to a hospital in a nearby city. Here she was subjected to a clinical diagnosis, and was told that it was not advisable to do anything radical at that time. She returned home and kept on dieting—and losing.

She applied to me about one week ago at this writing. I found absolutely no diabetes or Bright's disease. A search for the source of the bleeding revealed cancer, involving nearly every organ within the pelvis, and long past the stage when operation could do more than to hasten the end! She has no prospect of living over six months, if that long...

Had this growth been removed promptly by the first physician—and he was capable—she might be well today; but the vitally precious interval has passed, and by neglect and utter ignorance of conditions.

Unless one knows that it is NOT a malignancy, it is better to operate than to take chances. Remember that.

Sunday School Lesson

REV. SAMUEL D. PRICE, D. D.

International Sunday School Lesson for January 24 JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN John iv, 9-26

To help establish the reality of this incident let the writer refer to his visit in the Samaritan Colony, where just a remnant of only a few score now remain of those who were so despised by the Jews in that day. The very ancient Samaritan Pentateuch was shown me with marked pride. Their history dates back to the destruction of the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 B. C. The Passover is still observed each year on Mount Gerizim according to their own ancient rites. Often the Jews would go far out of their way so as to avoid this region in proceeding to Galilee, but this time "He must needs pass through Samaria."

The complete humanity of Jesus is evidenced in the lesson setting as the tired man sits at the side of Jacob's well. As the woman comes to draw water Jesus enters upon the personal work in accord with His own "Win-Win" method of procedure. Let any teacher or preacher who is distressed by reason of an audience of one or even a few only note how Jesus acted. Seeking a favor is often a help-

BOONE... SKETCHES

JUST STROLLIN' ROUND

Robins twittering, rose bushes putting forth new leaves, and dandelions blooming... A badly-withered Christmas tree, stripped of its holiday adornments, lying in a vacant lot... Gentleman riding a horse through town, with six ears of corn tied to the saddle, which reminds us of the good old days... Four gentlemen of leisure stretched out in the sunlight, apparently ill with spring fever...

A DARKTOWN TRAGEDY

A. Y. Patterson, gentleman of color and boot artist extraordinary, has, it is understood, been battling matrimonial storms for some time. In-laws without number were "showing their teeth" and adding untold misery to his flagging spirits with the caustic tongue of criticism, averring, it is said, that he was a "no-count nigger," unfaithful to his marital vows. Day in and day out, A. Y. could be found at a local barber shop, shining 'em up and brushing 'em off, his ebony countenance beaming the satisfaction of a laborer worthy of his hire. Despite his industry and apparent thrift, however, the disaffection grew between he and his dusky mate, and a series of minor scrimmages ensued.

FOUR MILLION AUTOS

(Greenville News)

With the annual automobile show in New York coming up, the automotive industry looks forward to 1932 with considerable hope of better things than 1931 provided.

George E. Quisenberry, editor of American Automobile, is authority for the estimate that the industry enters the years with a potential requirement of approximately 4,300,000 passenger cars, trucks and buses for replacement purposes only. That, in itself, is a pretty good year's business.

The study shows that the average life of an automobile consigned to the junk heap today is 7.9 years. Practically all cars put into service in the years 1922 and 1923 went to the junk pile in 1930 and 1931, and the total of the production of those years available for sale in America and Canada, excluding exports, totaled \$6,343,895. In 1930-31, however, the output available for replacement was 5,309,933 cars, leaving an unfulfilled demand for these two years of 1,039,962 vehicles. Further, motor vehicles in American and Canadian service, which were purchased in 1924 and which will become eight years of age in 1932, total 3,255,809, and the sum of unfulfilled requirements for the coming year is thus totaled at 4,289,871. That number, it is figured, is necessary to replace junked cars and keep our motor vehicle operation at its normal levels.

It may be, of course, that the American public will not this year maintain its motor vehicle operations at last year's levels, and may lack a little bit of having as many cars as it did in 1931. But whatever drop there may be is bound to be very small, and even counting for that possibility, it would seem that the automotive industry has a remarkably good demand ahead of it—enough to keep it much busier than it was last year. And improvement in the automotive industry, basic as it is, is bound to have important effects in improving things throughout the economic field.

DEPUTY SHERIFF ARRESTS SELF

Lenoir.—C. L. Rader, deputy sheriff, arrested himself last week and went hunting for a magistrate.

Being versed in the ways of statute books and court procedure, Mr. Rader knew that when a misdemeanor is committed it is duty proper for the courts to take action. He said he had punched someone in the nose and wanted to prefer charges against himself and pay the court's judgment before the other party did so.

CARD OF THANKS

On behalf of all the members of the families concerned, I wish to extend heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindness during the illness and subsequent death of my father. May similar consideration be shown each of them in the hour of their sorrow. H. B. PERRY.

negro was white-eyed with fear, and walking was out of the question... he ran. Coming to the white man's house, far in advance of the officer, he stopped only long enough to deposit his pickinny on the back porch, and he fled again into the darkness. The baby was returned to its grief-stricken mammy by the obliging "law," but the father is perhaps still running. A warrant charging everything from kidnaping to high treason and back again was issued to be found before the writ can be served. Anyway, Africa has reason to celebrate, for negro has again been emancipated, this time from matrimony and its sack of troubles.

ROBINS WINTER HERE

The warm weather which so far has prevailed in the mountain section during the winter, offered little inducement for the robins to strain their pinions on a flight to warmer climes in the Southland, so the red breasts remained with us. Round and about town during the recent warm weather the feathered songsters added to the spring-like atmosphere with the beauty of their calls. But the weather, as weather will do in the mountains, changed abruptly and soothing zephyrs were supplanted by wintry winds. The robins are still here, however, but they've lost a lot of their pep, and as they fluff their feathers and seek sheltered spots, they seem to "wish that they were in the land of cotton." Down in a warm cove on Gap Creek untold thousands of the birds are wintering, it is said. As they fly out in the morning and return to their roost in the evening, the elements are literally darkened by their passage, states a resident of the section. We are, of course, glad to have the robins, but the question is: are the robins glad to have us when the weather changes.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending January 16, 1932, as compiled by J. T. C. Wright, observer at the local weather bureau:

Average maximum temperature, 53 degrees. Average minimum temperature, 38 degrees. Average temperature, 46 degrees. Average daily range in temperature, 13 degrees. Greatest daily range in temperature, 26 degrees; date, 14th. Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 49 degrees. Highest temperature reached, 63 degrees; date, 14th. Lowest temperature reached, 21; date, 11th. Number inches of rainfall (including melted snow), 0.68. Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.65; date, 13th. Number of days with 0.01 inch or more rainfall, 2. Number of clear days, 2. Number of partly cloudy days, 3. Direction of prevailing wind SE. Date of heavy frost, 11th.

INFANT DIES

On January 6th, Rodney Conrad, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Greene of Blowing Rock, passed away at Caldwell Hospital, Lenoir.

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