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The Red Cross year-round service of health education and conservation, as well as the general emergency relief activities, are made possible through Red Cross membership dollars received by the local chapter during the annual roll call campaign.

Jovial, good-natured Watt Gragg, when approached for news by The Democrat said: "You may state that I said that 'scattered' reports from throughout the ninth district indicate friend Bob Doughton is leading me 'slightly' in the congressional race, and there appears to be danger of my ultimate defeat."

WILL YOUR NAME BE NEXT?

The past summer was one of the worst on record in the matter of automobile accidents and deaths.

And the most dangerous driving months are still to come—the months of rain and ice, and few daylight hours.

Every season sees better, more scientifically designed highways and yet accidents grow worse, both in number and severity. Every year sees stronger, more easily controlled, and mechanically safer cars.

It is true that a percentage of accidents can be directly attributed to mechanical failure of automobiles, or to road conditions. This percentage marks but a very small part of the total of crashes. The human element is responsible, and alone responsible, for the great majority of accidents, minor or major.

Worst menace of all is the driver who attempts to push the throttle through the floorboard, who operates his car at excessive speeds. And excessive speed is a flexible term—there are times when fifty is safe, and fifteen too fast.

Then there are the drivers pass on hills and curves, who hog the centerline, who allow their car to wander to the wrong side of the road—and drivers who commit a thousand and one driving errors that may save a minute, and may also send themselves and others into eternity.

You see may headlines like "Five Killed When Cars Collide." You read the names of the victims, go on to other articles and forget all about them. Next time you see such a headline just reflect that your name, or the name of a friend or loved one, may be in the next similar list of corpses. Then it won't be so easy to forget.

Bruce Barton Says . . .

It Makes the World Go Round A young man burst violently into my office.

His face was somewhat haggard, and his clothes disheveled, as though he had been up all night, which, in fact, he had.

But there was electricity in his walk, and sunshine in his eyes.

"Have you heard the wonderful news?" he cried.

I told him I had not heard any wonderful news since 1929.

"Well, you're going to hear some now," he exclaimed. "I have a boy, yes, sir, seven and a half pounds, born at 5:30 this morning. Think of it . . . me . . . a son."

Whereupon he became almost inar-

temperate, waving his arms and emitting sounds that were half laughter and half tears.

At length he gained sufficient self-control to impart the information that the baby had blue eyes. "I hadn't the heart to say that all babies have blue eyes. He wouldn't have heard me anyway. When I looked down at him the first time, the little rascal looked up and smiled. And he reached out and grabbed my finger and say . . . well, I don't know how to express it, but when I felt him grip my finger, so trusting and everything . . . well, say, if I were worth five thousand dollars to my boss yesterday, I'm worth ten thousand today."

Did I treat his enthusiasm seriously? You bet I did. Any man who has passed through that experience and does not feel a reverent sympathy for a young prof in the same situation has some serious lack in his soul.

The Obituary Page

Once I was talking with Kent Cooper about what interests people in the newspapers.

He said: "When a man gets to be about forty-five years old he discovers the obituary page."

I certainly am not a gloomy minded person, but I have always thought more or less about death. The attitude of a large portion of the human race toward it seems to be infantile and silly.

It isn't a pleasant subject but certainly it is an inevitable one. Why dodge and pretend to not like children? Said Caesar:

"Of all the wonders that I yet have heard, It seems to me most strange that men should fear."

Seeing that death a necessary end, Will come when it will come."

All of which leads me to remark that there is a certain advantage in discovering the obituary page comparatively early in life. The tragedy is that some that never discover it.

I have been a doddering old millionaire, with one foot in the grave, fighting with a tax-man over a nickel, or trying to beat down the price of a necktie.

I once sought a contribution to charity from a millionaire who was well over sixty and notoriously tight. He told all the reasons why he could not give up a cent, and as he warmed up to the subject he began to act as if my call were an insult.

Finally I said: "Why are you so mean? Why do you deny yourself pleasures and squeeze every nickel? It isn't your money, it's your children's money, or will be in a few years. Why let them have all the pleasures? Why not have the fun of giving some of it away?"

This rude remark shocked him. I think it started a line of thought that made quite a change in his life.

SOUTHERN FOREST HONORS KILMER

Everybody of course knows Joyce Kilmer's beautiful little poem, "Trees." Millions have read it. Millions have heard it sung. No other American poem of the twentieth century has been more popular than those twelve short lines.

I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks as God all day And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain; Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree.

Now the establishment of the "Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest" in southwest North Carolina is announced—3,840 acres of magnificent virgin forest, the entire watershed of Little Santeehah Creek in Graham county, N. C. Joyce Kilmer, born December 6, 1886, was only one of the world's choicest spirits brought to an untimely death by the World War. He was killed in action in the Wood of Burned Bridge late in July, 1918.—The Progressive Farmer.

ABOUT 200 SPORTSMEN ENJOY DEER HUNT

The week of November 2 to 7, inclusive, the deer hunt was staged in the Pisgah Federal game refuge for those hunters who were drawn for the 1935 deer hunt, but who missed their opportunity because of cancellation of the hunt. Approximately one hundred hunters hunted the first three days and killed a total of 46 bucks. The second three day period 93 hunters participated, and the first day and a half 21 bucks were killed. Of those who hunted the first three days, 98% had shots at buck deer, but the figures show that many were missed.

This hunt was confined to approximately 9,000 acres, so that deer on the rest of the refuge will be unmoles-tered for the big hunt to start November 16.

Ramsey Brothers of Madison county recently purchased two purebred Hereford bulls for the improvement of beef cattle in the community.

Fireside Philosophy

(By C. M. Dickson)

The only thing a dog can do is to howl if he is hit.

The words, "Lost Opportunity," will perhaps haunt the minds of as many people as any other two words in the English language.

A man doesn't necessarily have to have become to be a gentleman.

Apparently, informal religion is getting to be as much of a stranger as a snowball would be in a "warm climate."

As a rule, the most successful lawyers are the ones who cannot read their own signatures.

A generous extension of mercy that "judgment" doesn't come just before the final tally after an election.

Spiritual conversion—many people seem to choose to use their religion in "capsule" form.

An unreasonable demand to ask a person to characterize a crowd of young folks when the chap alone leads a pilot herself.

Obviously it is better to make a rapid "exit" than to have it said, "he looked natural."

Topographically speaking, the mountaineer has to look up to no man.

There isn't so much in the size of the gun as there is in the skill of the gunner.

A "half" grown fellow can assault or attack you.

At least, inconsistent—for a high-up to be "low-down."

A man can sign just ONE too many contracts.

The foundation of life should be put on the "bottom" not on top.

Material things will pass away, but character will endure forever.

So long as conscience is present, no compass is needed to guide one's course in life.

If one doesn't choose to rise from his "sleep" to vote, Uncle Sam or some one else will do it for him.

Funny, and yet tragic—for a teacher to attempt to teach the nature of corn roots and nodules, who never saw one himself.

A man is a fool who will let the same snake bite him twice in the same place.

MOUNTAIN TOP MEDITATIONS

By I. C. CANIPE

We have but one life to live, therefore we ought to learn to live a full, appreciative and useful life as we go along. We are not getting ready to live after while, we live now and we must do good and useful deeds now or they will not be done. Once a sixty-year-old man said to me, "I expected to work hard, make some money and retire in my old age, and then do good the rest of my days."

"But," continued he, "I find I have no money, I cannot retire and my opportunities for doing good are about over."

Our habits of kindness, good deeds, and helpful attitudes are being formed in us as we grow. Hence we do not radically change to them in after life. The only radical change that can be produced in a man is by the grace of God. This change can and does come when men meet God like Paul on the Damascus road. To be a real useful man, a man ought to be right with God, true to himself and honest with his fellowmen. No man can survive and stand the test of time who is not honest. An honest man is the best servant of God and humanity.

Returns Shake Snider's Faith In Mississippi

Senatobia, Miss., Nov. 6.—Lieut. Gov. Billy Snider's faith in Mississippi's Democracy was shaken slightly last night as he made plans to purchase a donkey and pay an election wager.

Snider several weeks ago bet Lieut. Gov. J. E. Harley, of South Carolina, that Mississippi's percentage of Roosevelt votes would be greater than that of South Carolina.

Snider still hoped tonight that Mississippi's percentage would mount with late returns but as it stood Harley was the winner. South Carolina gave the president a vote of better than 98 per cent while Mississippi only came through with about 96 per cent.

The loser must purchase a donkey and lead it, with the winner mounted, up Pennsylvania avenue in Washington for the inauguration of Mr. Roosevelt. The donkey then will be given to the president.

"It was the rain," Snider explained. "The sun was shining in South Carolina and it was raining in Mississippi election day."

AN APPRECIATION

I wish to thank each and every one for the help and loving kindness shown me during the last days, death and burial of my mother. May God be with you all when you have such trouble, is my prayer. MRS. R. F. EDMINSTEN.

ARMISTICE DAY, 1936

by A. B. Chapin



ARMISTICE

Eighteen years ago today (Wednesday) the last shell of a great war which cost 38,000,000 casualties fell on the blood-soaked western front. Armistice!

But armistice is not peace, and today an anxious world, its nerves taut by the greatest armament race men have yet run, makes again a prayer for peace as it commemorates the end of "the war to end war."

Armistice day, symbolic of the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 and of the triumph of the Allied powers, finds commemoration day in strangely varying manners among the world's far-scattered places.

In cathedral church and synagogue millions will pray. Elsewhere, other millions will shout and drink and dance. Everywhere, men will march to the same martial music to which marched the youth of a generation ago.

In the United States, President Roosevelt solemnly faced again a great white tomb in Washington at Arlington National cemetery—the home of the Unknown Soldier, and of a nation's great and tragic memories. All over the country there similar remembrances.

Not forgotten was Woodrow Wilson, the war president. For him there was a service over the air, even as in Washington many speculate whether the senate again will be asked to accept membership for this country in the institution that was one of the last of his dreams—the World Court.

Across the sea, in Europe, the works of his life still were at issue among men.

In America the cry for peace rose above the sound of uniformed men on the march. In Washington, there was talk of broader neutrality legislation.

Last night at New York City's Eternal Light, the War Resisters league held its pre-armistice service with an "office of commemoration of the dead who died in the great war and of the War Registers' pledge of brotherhood to all mankind."

BORAH PLANS FOR SIX YEARS IN WASHINGTON

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 7.—Senator William E. Borah, keen-eyed veteran of six successful senate campaigns, smilingly reflected upon the most spectacular of all last night, and said "how I want to rest."

But, even as the words left his lips, the 71-year-old "Lion of Idaho" was planning for six more arduous years in Washington; six more years added to the 30 he has served.

"I anticipate the next six years will be tremendous years," he told friends who crowded round, congratulating him on his conquest of the hitherto unbeatable Democratic state leader, Gov. C. Ben Ross.

"Borah added soberly: "Almost every question which can affect the welfare of our people will arise. I hope the people of Idaho will have no cause to regret that they have chosen me to represent them in part in this very vital era."

The dean of the senate, placed by many observers a few months ago as an "even bet" choice against Ross, led the entire Idaho field while every other candidate on the Republican ticket from governor down was being routed.

An average of 75,000,000 persons attend motion picture theatres weekly.

"Hello, Aviators"

You are really flying high now. Let's keep up the work. Gee, it was great to see you boys lead the entire Intermediate department in percentage. But listen, I heard some of those girls say they expected to show you up next Sunday. There is only one way to keep them from doing so—work for one hundred per cent in attendance. See that Mr. Johnny Harrison. Persuade him to come Sunday, thus helping us to keep ahead of the other classes.

Just remember these things that count on your contest attendance, on time, prepared lesson, Bible brought, offering and attending preaching services. You can make one hundred each Sunday on these six points. Now make an additional thirty points by bringing a new member with you, thus giving you credit for 130 points on your contest. Just think what Sonny Carico did last Sunday. This new member must be some boy 13 years old, and one who is not attending any other Sunday school.

Scoreboard table with names and points: A. Y. Howell, Jr. 100, John Tatum 100, Greer Hodges 100, Blaine Miller 100, Max Robbins 100, Johnny Harrison (absent) 0.00, Perry Greene 1.00, Sonny Carico (the leader) 1.30, Carl Greene (new member) .70, Herman Wilcox 1.00.

The picture will be different next Sunday. Watch The Democrat each week for results.

HERMAN WILCOX, Teacher.

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH Dr. F. E. Warman, Pastor. The revival meeting that was to have begun last Sunday was postponed for one week. It will begin next Sunday. We are expecting Evangelist J. F. Whitman with us for the larger part of this revival. He is a strong and eloquent speaker. You will enjoy his great sermons. We shall have a large number of special songs during the revival. All are cordially invited to help in every way during these special services.

BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. J. C. Canipe, Pastor

The pastor is in Durham this week attending the Baptist State convention and the general board, of which he is a member. The pastor will be in the pulpit at both services next Sunday. Forty members of the Senior B. Y. P. U. received diplomas for work done in that department. We wish to congratulate these young people for this splendid work.

CALENDAR OF LUTHERAN SERVICES

St. Marks, Blowing Rock: Preaching service on the first Sunday of each month at 2:30 p. m.; Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.; Miss Marie Bradshaw, Superintendent; Prayer meeting Wednesday night of each week at 7:30. Luther League every Sunday, 2:30 p. m. Grace, Boone: Preaching service every Sunday at 11 a. m.; Vespers at 7 p. m. on 2nd and 4th Sundays; Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.; Prof. George L. Sawyer, Superintendent; Luther League each Sunday night at 7 p. m. Holy Communion Banner Elk; Preaching service on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:30 p. m.; Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.; Luther League at 3 p. m. on first, second and fourth Sundays. We most

heartily welcome the public to all these services.

On the fourth Sunday of each month we hold services at Hanging Rock Chapel at 2:30 p. m. The public invited. REV. J. A. YOUNT, Pastor.

CULL POULTRY FLOCKS WHEN FEEDS ARE HIGH

The high price of feedstuffs is leading to a critical situation in the poultry industry. Small flock owners are especially hard hit.

But regardless of price, the poultryman cannot compromise with balanced feeding if he hopes to maintain the quality of his flock, says R. S. Dearstyne, head of the poultry department at State College.

Very cheap mashers are usually low in digestibility and thus are costly in the long run.

"If you have inferior birds in your flock," he continues, "cull them out and spend your money only to feed the really good birds. If you cannot afford to feed all your birds well, keep only those you can afford to feed."

"If there has been a time during the past ten years when poultrymen had to cull very carefully, now is that time."

"To meet high feed prices, the average production per bird in the flock must be increased, and this can be done by keeping only the highest producers."

The lesson of this year should be sufficient to prove to all poultrymen that a better breeding program for the future is imperative. If more attention had been paid to breeding in the past, Dearstyne points out, poultrymen would not be so hard hit by high prices now.

And right now is the time to start breeding for the future, he added. November is the month for mating the breeding birds. Place the males in the pens this month in time to adapt themselves to new conditions before eggs are saved for hatching.

Be sure that only vigorous, healthy, standard males of good type are placed in the breeding pens. There should be one male for every 14 to 16 females of the American breeds.

LOG SAWS advertisement with image of a saw and text: 'EASY TERMS Turn Your Timber Into Cash!'

Don't COUGH YOUR HEAD OFF advertisement with image of a person coughing and text: 'ask for MENTHO-MULSION IF IT FAILS TO STOP YOUR COUGH DUE TO COLDS ASK FOR YOUR MONEY BACK'

BOONE DRUG CO. The Rexall Store