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Ship Commission Report

THE SCOUT acknowledges the receipt of the report of the State Ship and Water Transportation Commission, recently from the state press and prepared by the commission of experts appointed under the provisions of an act of the general assembly of 1923, to investigate the feasibility of the state building terminals and operating shipping lines. The report is a 150 page document divided into four parts. In the first part the findings of the commission proper are reported and recommendations made; in the second part the existing situation with regard to the States ports and waterways is reviewed; in the third part the present railway discriminations against the State of North Carolina are set out and in part four a review of what is being done in other states is set out.

The commission, composed of R. M. Miller Jr., chairman, Charlotte; D. D. Carroll, secretary, Chapel Hill; Emmett H. Bellamy, Wilmington; Joseph H. Brown, Chadbourn; W. A. Hart, Tarboro; J. Y. Joiner, Raleigh; A. M. Scales, Greensboro; Charles E. Waddell, Asheville; and Charles S. Wallace, Morehead City, make out a clear case for the state providing terminals and, if need be, buying ships to carry North Carolina produce and manufactured goods in competition with the railroads. They find that the only solution to the discrimination in freight rates that has long operated against North Carolina in favor of Virginia is in competitive water rates. Water rates, as everyone knows, are estimated to be only about half what rail rates are. The commission finds that the state should provide public terminals as the building of terminals requires the expenditure of too much money for private concerns to undertake, and this is the only way, think the commission, to induce ships to make North Carolina ports of call.

In brief, the commission recommends, first, that a port commission of five members be created with full power to acquire and build terminals, form traffic organizations, to enter and prosecute complaints, etc.

Second, that seven million dollars be appropriated for the use of the commission for the above purposes.

Third, that the commission be authorized to purchase or lease and operate ships, if in their opinion adequate shipping is not provided by private enterprise and that a million and a half additional be appropriated for this purpose.

Four, that the state acquire the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad as a basis for a trunk line railroad from the Cape Fear Basin to the middle west, or otherwise provide such a trunk line.

The general assembly has been called into special session, to convene in a few weeks, to consider the report and take some action. The Governor has recommended that it be submitted to the people for action. If this is done, it behooves the citizenship of the state to inform itself of the situation so that it can act accordingly. A copy of the report is being placed in the public library for reference purposes.

The Need of Good Parents

(From Greensboro Daily News) Editor of The Daily News: You doubtless read the enclosed article last week in the Literary Digest. But how many of your readers do you suppose read it? And did the one who most need to have the matter brought to their minds see it at all?

Being exceedingly fond of children as the residents of Woodlawn Avenue, Westerwood, could verify, and having been a teacher of children for years, I am particularly interested in the proper training of children. And my interest in them does not stop at my own. Often I inwardly and sometimes outwardly storm at the foolish and harmful things I see so-called intelligent parents do.

Often when traveling I see fond but foolish mothers give babies "dopes" of various kinds to drink. From both observation and personal tests, I know that many of the usual "dopes" are harmful, even to adults, and surely much more so to children.

But the most harmful thing the average parent does today is, according to my observation and study, to neglect to keep in touch with his or her child. One does not have to pry into his child's affairs or to submit it to a "third degree quiz" to keep familiar with its reading, the pictures it sees, the associates it plays with. You can find in Greensboro cases, where the mother knows what her child reads and mothers who go with the child to see the pictures and who select the pictures to which they go. But for one such mother

I will venture to say that there are a dozen who are so busy giving or attending parties that they haven't time to keep up with their children. Some of them are left most of the day to shift for themselves and to entertain themselves in any way that they can while "mother" is at a party. Sometimes they have regular meals, but often only a cold bite and that without the loving service from mother's hands. How one can expect love and loyalty from a child reared thus is more than I can see.

To be merely "good" in the sense that one is not a violator of the law, is not enough. Christ said, "The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep." How much more important that the parent give at least a part of his or her life to the child. And besides, the most pleasant part of life should be given to the child. No social pleasure can compare to that received from the tender, intimate association with one's children.

R. T. BROWN.

Selicia. (Enclosure)

Needed—Good Parents.

"Good parents are a necessity if the child is to grow up into a good citizen," writes a thirteen-year-old girl who evidently finds no difficulty in obeying the injunction, "Honor thy Father and Thy Mother." Constance Ryan, winner of a prize of \$25 for the best essay on the Biblical text, goes on to say that parents "have had the experience which we must get, owing to this, they can make wise decisions when we most need them, and by which we benefit as long as we live. Make life for them and make them as happy as they make us: the true friends, whose love is life enduring—mother and father."

Ruth Herold, another thirteen-year-old school girl, and also a prize winner in the same contest evidently had made some investigation before preparing her composition, for, she writes, "in investigating the persons and looking over the records of the prisoners, it is found that most criminals of today were unfortunate in having lost their parents or in having been allowed to treat them disrespectfully."

The compositions were read at a Parents' Day celebration in Central Park, New York City, arranged by "Uncle Robert" Spero, a well-known philanthropist who devotes much of his time to work among unfortunate children and to inculcating among all children a sense of filial obligation. The occasion, the first of its kind, was noticed in all metropolitan newspapers and supported and encouraged by the public-school authorities. In radio messages broadcast before the park meeting, and published in several papers, Associate Superintendent of Schools Edward W. Still offered parents these suggestions:

- "1. Set proper standards for your children to follow.
- "2. Be friends with your children walk and play with them occasionally. We must not live above our children but with them.
- "3. Do not scold too much. Encourage them to do their best. Let us remember what Phillips Brooks said: 'Children are white, spotted black; not black, spotted white.'
- "4. See that they select proper friends and associates.
- "5. Make 'home' as comfortable and happy as your means permit.
- "6. Give your children at least a high-school education.
- "7. Train them in the habit of Sunday school.
- "8. See that they avoid all games of chance. A gambler never can be a success in life.
- "9. See that your children take plenty of physical training in the open air. It is better exercise to walk than to ride in a 'limousine.'
- "10. Let your children feel that any honor which they win in school, as any act of courage, or unselfishness they may perform, will bring great happiness to father and mother and put the family name on a higher plane of honor. Do not forget that the future of America depends upon how your boys and girls are trained today, not on how you were trained when you were children.

Let us hope that the proper celebration of 'Parents' Day' may lead to better home, more regular attendance at religious services, and a finer type of citizenship, all of which will combine to make our nation the best in the world. Let us all work to make our United States a Republic of Homes."



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Sunday School Lesson For July 6, 1924

That there is a mystery connected with the birth of Jesus cannot be denied. Matthew and Luke give us the only scripture records of that event in Bethlehem of Judea announced first by the angel choir to the shepherds. While every Christian accepts the accounts with genuine faith there are those who attempt to discredit the scripture record. To look at the question with an open mind we can start with the assumption that the record of the fact that our Lord's Virgin Birth is either wholly true or it is wholly false. Either Mary was the most favored mother in all the world or she was the most degraded human being that ever trod the streets of Bethlehem. To deny the Virgin Birth would be to view with suspicion the character of his mother. Not only so but it is utterly impossible to hold the same convictions on any vital matter in the whole realm of religion so far as Christianity is involved if we hold to the Scripture account or if we reject it. The question is therefore fundamental. Either Christ was the son of God or he was not. Prove that he was not the Son of God who took upon himself for a time human limitations and the whole system of Christianity topples. Whether one is a Christian or not depends upon one's belief concerning the birth of Jesus in a very large part.

Convince me that Jesus was born an outcast and I could never believe that he is my Saviour. Convince me that God permitted two men to invent a lie and thrust it upon the church and I would become at once an open and avowed opponent of the system that these men had such a large share in writing. On the other hand it is a serious matter to permit one's self to think for a moment that there is a possibility of bringing into disrepute the name of a virtuous woman unless there is unmistakable evidence for doing so and then it would not be the act of a gentleman to spread it abroad since that woman is not present in the flesh to defend herself.

In the day in which these things were written surely the men realized the supreme importance of the accounts. Surely Luke a man of recognized truthfulness to this day and a scholar of no mean ability would

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never have said in the third verse of the opening chapter of the third gospel that he had traced all things if he had not exhausted the sources of information concerning the birth of our Lord. It seems to me that his own statement would prove him an infamous liar. But there is absolutely no evidence to prove this while on the other hand there is abundance of evidence showing that Luke was a truthful man.

A jurist once told me that one of the best evidences of false testimony on the part of several witnesses is for each one to tell the same story in almost the same way. Examine the gospels of Matthew and Luke and the inevitable result is that they are totally unlike in method and treatment but presenting the same fact each in his own way. We cannot accept the theory if there be such that these men with others who may have been connected with them deliberately framed and invented the story of the Virgin Birth.

The folklore and mythology of the times fails to produce a single authentic parallel to the account as given by these two men. If it had been a piece of fiction pure and simple surely it would have found its way into the myths of its age. The indications of the honesty and the intelligence of these men is an argument against any and all theories that presuppose a fictitious origin of the statement concerning his birth. We must believe that these were honest men or else the statement that they issued would surely have been contested by many during the early days of its existence. That it was not contested leads us to believe that the age had respect for the truthfulness of the exponents of the recorded fact.

Christian peoples everywhere believe that our Lord was conceived by the Holy Ghost that he was born of the Virgin Mary and thus we have a record of the life of a human-divine person. Surely no man can attack the record without doing serious injury to himself.

Presbyterians To Hold Communion Service

The regular quarterly communion of the Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, July 6th, at 11 o'clock. Mr. D. P. McGeachy, who is this summer assisting in the work of the Presbyterian Church in this section, will preach at the morning hour.

"Your medicine has helped me wonderfully. A month ago I could not spank the baby and now I am able to thrash my husband. Heaven bless you."—Testimonial by a grateful woman in a patent medicine advertisement.

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How the Railroad Dollar Has Shrunk

Although everybody realizes that "everything has gone up" amazingly and distressingly, the general public does not know of the great increase in the cost of operating American railroads, as shown by a comparison between the years 1916 and 1923—and the corresponding shrinkage of the purchasing power of the railroad dollar.

As a pertinent illustration, take the following figures from the records of the L. & N. Railroad: In 1916, the L. & N. paid for labor 37c out of every dollar received, while in 1923 the cost had increased to 53c; the average cost of coal per ton at the mines was \$1.10, which increased to \$2.55; the cost of passenger locomotives increased from \$16,575 to \$51,500; freight cars, from \$1,127 to \$2,008; rails, from \$30 per ton to \$43; bridges, from \$50 per ton to \$88; cross-ties, from 61c each to \$1.18; track ballast, from 10c per cubic yard to 23c—and so on.

In 1916 the L. & N.'s payment for taxes was \$480 per mile, while in 1923 it was \$1,265; an increase of 164%. During the same period the book value of L. & N. property increased 30.4%; but its net operating income decreased 6.4%.

All of this increase in cost was beyond the control of the management of the L. & N. Railroad; yet despite the new problems and burdens which it created, the L. & N. has consistently improved its service and added to the facilities of its transportation plant. The efficient and able management of the Nation's Railroads, of which the L. & N. is typical, alone has enabled them to meet the changing conditions, and shortened revenues, above described and still not only maintain their service to an equal standard, but actually improve it.

SOME THINGS THE SCOUT WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN MURPHY AND CHEROKEE COUNTY.

- In Murphy
 1. An active Board of Trade or Chamber of Commerce.
 2. More manufacturing industries.
 3. New Passenger Stations—A Union Station.
 4. More Improved Streets.
 5. Regular Library Hours.
 6. A Reading Club.
- In Cherokee County.
 1. A system of county roads supplementing the State highways.
 2. More and better cattle raising and dairying.
 3. More fruit growing.
 4. Scientific poultry raising.

Americans Learning How To Live

DURING the last half of 1923 the population of the United States increased by nearly two million inhabitants. Part of this was due to immigration but much was also due to the fact that the death rate during that period was the lowest in the history of the country. With the increase in the population of any city or country, usually the death rate increases, unless extra precautionary measures are taken. Undoubtedly the public health service of the federal government, of the various states and of the larger cities is more efficient that it has ever been in the past, but the fact that the death rate is decreasing must be partly attributed to efforts of individuals. No matter how efficient the public health service may become without the personal efforts of individuals, it could not be very effective. This decrease in the death rate, therefore, leads one to believe that the American people are coming to value their lives more highly and that they are learning new means and applying old means of preserving their health. This indicates that we are learning how to live better, which should make for greater happiness and joy and greater advances on the road to civilization.

The Baseball Club

SUFFICIENT steps have been taken to insure an all-summer baseball club for Murphy. The boys have already played two games with east Tennessee teams and two additional games are scheduled for today with the Andrews club. A good baseball club is a big asset to a town, especially the smaller towns where the number of amusements for visitors is small and every citizen of the town should lend his support and encouragement to the team. The team cannot become a winner without local backing—backing that not only shouts when the team is winning, but also when the team is losing; and backing that will support the team with money. No worth while organization can be very successful without money. The baseball club is no exception to the rule. Every effort should be made to make the team a winner, but a winner or a loser, it should have the unqualified support of every local citizen.



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Mrs. Kris—Has your church decided what to do about the poor this year?

Mrs. Kross—Not as yet. There's no hurry, however, as the Lord said that they would always be with us.—Judge.

He—What would you say if I threw you a kiss?

She—I'd say you were the laziest guy in the world.



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BATTLE OF BALLOTING CONTINUES IN NEW YORK

The battle of ballots continues in New York. At the end of the 40th ballot in an effort to select the Democratic nominee for president, the vote for the leading candidates stood: McAdoo 505.5; Smith 317.5; Underwood 39.5; J. W. Davis 71.5; Ralston 31. Telegraphic news received Thursday at 12 o'clock indicated that the above showing was little changed.

Mrs. C. W. Logan Underwent an operation at the Murphy Hospital on Wednesday night.

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The following is clipped from the Butler (N.J.) Argus:

Due to the large number of ads in the paper this week, all available space has been taken and there are a couple of births that will have to be postponed until next week.

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