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THE TOWN DOCTOR SAYS

WHY SHOULDN'T YOU GET BEHIND AND PUSH

Mice still stick their heads into cheese traps; flies still swarm atop poisoned honey; moths still fly into the candle flame; humble bees still swarm to a buzzing jug; sheep still follow the leader over a cliff; a salmon fish still swims up the river.

They never learn anything—no matter how many examples, how many experiences of their fellows—they go on doing the same thing in the same way, generation after generation—and die.

A town that doesn't learn and profit from the experiences of other towns will go the same way as the mouse, the fly, the moth, the bee, and the "poor fish." Because they do not learn from experience is reason for 51 towns in one state alone to pass out of existence in a ten-year period—an average of one to a county for some states. Such towns are in a rut—and the only difference between a rut and the grave is the depth.

Who doesn't know that to stand still is getting nowhere? In nature—in business—in every human endeavor—to cease to grow is to perish—one way or another.

Refusal on your part to think about your community—refusal to change your attitude from passive to active, is COSTING you money. You and a few others, by changing positions from in front leaning backwards to the one behind pushing forward will MAKE you money and make your community a better, more attractive, more interesting place in which to live, work, play and make money.

It's a man to man proposition: Is there any real reason why you shouldn't get behind and push?

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THE LETTER BOX

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Please find enclosed \$1.50. I felt intended to renew my subscription last week, but went to sleep on the job and forgot it. Hope I'll not miss this week's issue.

Respectfully, MRS. J. I. ROSE.

MRS. J. V. BRITAIN, HOSTESS TO CIRCLE NO. 2 ON TUES.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. J. V. Britain was hostess to Circle No. 2 of the Methodist Women's Missionary Society. This was the first meeting of the year and officers for 1929 were elected. Mrs. R. V. Wells, who has been chairman since the Circle was organized in 1925, was re-elected. Mrs. H. G. Elkins, who has also been treasurer for the past six years, reported approximately \$1000.00 raised by the Circle since its organization. Following her report, Mrs. Elkins tendered her resignation and Miss Lula Fain was elected to fill this office while the Secretary for the coming year will be Mrs. W. D. Townsend.

Plans for future Circle work were discussed and it is hoped that a number of new members will be added to the roll at the next meeting.

At the conclusion of the business session, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by her sister, Mrs. Herman May.

The next meeting of the Circle will be with Mrs. H. G. Elkins, March 25th.

Those enjoying Mrs. Britain's hospitality were: Mrs. R. V. Wells, Mrs. J. H. McCall; Mrs. R. M. Fain, Mr. E. V. Wessner; Mrs. Mattie A. Taylor; Mrs. W. D. Townsend; Miss Lula Fain; Mrs. H. G. Elkins and Mrs. Herman May, of Knoxville, Tenn.

WOMANS CLUB HOLDS AN INTERESTING MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Murphy Womens Club was held Wednesday afternoon, February 20, with the vice-president, Mrs. J. P. Anderson presiding.

The study of "Know Your Own State"—North Carolina, was continued; the topics for the afternoon being "Studies in Population, Farm Tenancy, Education, Illiteracy and Religion." These were discussed in a most interesting manner by Mrs. E. G. White.

An enjoyable and instructive feature of the afternoon's program was a contest on North Carolina. Following the program, a penant, in the club colors, gold and white, and a motto for the club was presented by Mrs. White.

The next meeting of the club will be Wednesday, March 20th.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOLDS REGULAR MEETING ON TUES.

The regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Women's Missionary Society will be held Tuesday, March 5th, at 2:30 o'clock in the ladies parlors of the church.

The leader for the day will be

TOWN PROGRESS TALKS

DO NOT STOP HERE, MR. STORK! LET'S GO ON TO THE NEXT TOWN! THIS PLACE LOOKS QUITE OK, BUT SEE ANY REAL PROGRESS? THE SCHOOLS, BE IF DANGY, THERE NO PARK, NO TENNIS COURTS OR WOLF PARK AND MANY MORE HOUSES OUT OF ORDER. A HOMEY KIND OF TOWN, BUT SURE IN NEVER ALLOW LIVING HERE



Strangers are often prospective new residents. If they visit a town and find dingy houses, dirty alleys, back-number stores and few modern improvements, they are apt to go elsewhere. Mr. Good Citizen, stop outside your business place and view it with the eyes of a stranger. Is the front in need of paint? Is the awning ragged? Are the show windows unattractive? And when you go home, is the house neat in fresh paint, with a close-clipped lawn adorned with shrubs, vines and trees? Do we have all the modern conveniences and improvements consistent with a town of our size? Would a stranger be attracted by our advantages? Have we done all we can to make this a homely town to live in?

Mrs. J. H. Hampton; the devotional being, "Water in a Broken Cup," with the Missionary topic, "Mothers and Daughters."

At this meeting plans are to be made for a "Mother and Daughter" banquet to be given sometime during the month of March and all members of the society are urged to be present while visitors will be cordially welcomed.

The Girl Scouts entertained with a costume party on February 14, at the Womens Club room. The room was beautifully decorated in keeping with the season. Many games and contests were played. Miss Mary Weaver won the prize for the girls contest "As Queen of Hearts" and Billy Neil the prize for the boys "As King of Hearts. After the games refreshments were served. Favors were given to each guest as they left. Those present were: Misses Edna Patton, Mildred Akin, Mary Witherspoon, Grace Willis Bell, Grace Parker, Mary Weaver, Margaret Witherspoon, Woodfin Posey, Nettie Dickey, Marion Butt, Mary Jo Davis, Mary King, Mary Katherine Hensley, Fannie Dewese, Messrs. Guy Brittain, James Mal-lonce, Billie Miller, Jerry Davidson, Buel Adams, Billie Neal, Ben Garrett, Bobby Rector, Charles Hyatt, Pruden Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Misses Lula Fain, Bailey, Strickland, McFather, Mrs. Wessel, and Robert Weaver.

LOCALS

Miss Mattie McClure, of Peachtree, was in town Saturday shopping.

Mrs. E. P. Hawkins left last week for Raleigh where she will visit her husband. Mr. Hawkins is a member of the House of Representatives of the North Carolina Legislature from Cherokee County.

Mr. E. B. Gibbs entertained with a dance in the dining room of the Regal Hotel on Friday, February 22, George Washington's birthday. A large crowd attended and reported a good time.

Mr. T. S. Candler, of Blairsville, Ga., was a visitor in Murphy, on Tuesday.

The Entre Nous club met with Miss Evelyn Hill on Tuesday evening. Most of the members being present, an enjoyable evening was spent, after which a delicious salad course was served by the hostess, assisted by her sister, Mrs. W. A. Cleveland.

Circle No. 1 met at the home of Mrs. H. P. Powell on Tuesday afternoon. After a very interesting business session the hostess assisted by her mother served a delicious sweet course and coffee.

Messrs. Lowry Gentry, Fred Dickey and Hame Bowles left Sunday for Miami, Fla., to be gone for several days.

Miss Margie Ethridge, of Peachtree, spent the week-end with Miss Bonnie Kirby.

Due to the downpour of rain on Tuesday, February 26, the meeting of the Kinsey and Suit Home Demonstration Clubs were not held. The next meetings of the clubs are to be held on Tuesday, April 9, at the usual places, Sarah Porter Ellis, District Home Demonstration Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cleveland motored to Young Harris Tuesday.

Miss Nan Dickson spent the week end with Mrs. R. E. Barclay at Copperhill, Tenn.

Mrs. A. M. Brittain spent the week end in Atlanta, Ga., with her daughter, Mrs. Winnie Estes.

The following is the honor roll for the fifth school month. This list includes the names of the children who were neither absent nor tardy during the month and who made a mark of at least ninety percent on each subject studied: First Grade: (Mrs. Sipe) Billy Barnett, Vernice Cearley, Mary Katherine Axley and Hallie Mae Hinshaw. First Grade: (Mrs. Grant) Porter Thomas and Ruby Townsend. Second Grade: (Miss L. Hayes) Jack Barnett, Fred Wise, Nancy El-

PLANT MORE CORN AND FEED HOGS

RALEIGH, N. C., March 4.—The person who studied the holding of pork and pork products now in cold storage without also studying the present swine population of the United States might be discouraged about the outlook for swine this year, says W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist at State College.

"Yet while the cold storage holdings are some greater, the number of hogs on the farms of the country is now nine percent less than last year," says Mr. Shay. "Over six million more hogs were slaughtered under federal inspection last year than the year before and under such conditions, North Carolina farmers who averaged as much as 30 bushels of corn per acre made a 50 percent profit by selling it as pork. Those who continue to feed hogs this year, will also get a good return for their corn crop regardless of the market price of corn. It is even possible that, should there be a bumper crop of corn, those who systematically convert their corn into pork will increase their profits from the crop as much as from 500 to 1000 percent as compared with the profit from selling the corn as grain."

Mr. Shay says that there was a decrease in receipts of hogs at the large markets in January. Then, too, there is a decrease of 39.3 percent in the volume of stocker and feeder shipments as compared with January one year ago. Furthermore, over five million less pigs were saved during the spring and fall of 1928 as compared with the year 1927. In the intentions report, it is found that there will be a decrease of from four to seven percent in the number of sows farrowing this spring.

All this looks like a good year for North Carolina farmers to so breed and feed their hogs for sale on the high markets of April and September with assurance of a profit over feed costs.

NEED GOOD PASTURES FOR DAIRY INDUSTRY

RALEIGH, N. C., March 1.—The one big drawback to dairy farming in North Carolina is a scarcity of good pastures.

"A good pasture is one that furnishes an abundance of nutritious grazing," says John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at State College. "On such a pasture a cow may get enough to eat without having to wander over a large area for it. Too many of our so-called pastures contain large amounts of woods and waste lands and are not much more than exercising grounds for our cows. Nearly all the food a cow gets from such a pasture is used up in producing the energy to get it." In Mr. Arey's opinion, a pasture should be regarded as a crop and so cared for. Grass seed ought to be planted on good land—land sufficiently fertile to grow good crops of corn or tobacco and then the weeds and brush kept down. If the soil is given an occasional top-dressing of manure or commercial fertilizer, especially phosphates and nitrogen, better results will be secured.

"About all the attention most of our pastures receive is a little time spent in tightening the barbed wires on a wet day," says Mr. Arey.

Seed and labor are both lost when planting is made on poor land. Sixty percent of the average North Carolina farm land is listed in the census as unimproved but much of this land is fertile. However, it is now covered with underbrush and returns no income. Then too there is much rolling land in the Piedmont section that washes easily when cultivated. In other sections there are good bottoms which overflow too frequently to be safe for crops. All of these areas can be made into good pasture. Mr. Arey says that records from the local herd improvement associations show that pasture has a value of from \$6 to \$10 per acre when cream from the cows so grazed is sold for butter-making. The value is greater where milk is retained.

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