

Miss Kelly Urges Individual Attention To School Pupils

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(By Associated Press.)
Pinehurst, Dec. 7.—Declaring that not only teachers but every person coming in daily contact with a child is responsible for its education and proper development, Miss Elizabeth Kelly, commissioner of adult illiterates, in addressing the council of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, tonight urged more individual and personal attention to pupils in schools of the state.

"You shall not thoughtlessly nor ignorantly destroy any child's faith in himself; nor shall you fail, if possible, to restore to every man the lost faith of his childhood," Miss Kelly asserted.

"Should this commandment be taken seriously by all who have anything to do with training children, there would come quick change in the attitude of instructors, and as rapidly as possible would the whole school system be readjusted to meet the real need of the child."

"It would seem at present that parents, teachers and all concerned, are leagued together in a mighty effort to turn out quantities of children from various grades of schools, and to mark this product standard, or otherwise according to its conformity to required ratings. This grouping and grading of children according to age and size might be all right were they mere objects; and the approved method of instruction by means of prescribed courses for each grade might be all right were children all endowed with the same degree or kind of intellect."

"The greatest factor in the education of any child is that which gives him confidence in his own ability to add to the great or small store of useful knowledge which is already his," she stated.

"Almost any child can do something well, and he will find joy in the doing as he realizes himself master of the undertaking. Increased confidence comes to him as he progresses by means of more difficult tasks, until he finally establishes himself as a worth while contributor to the needs of his day and generation."

"On the other hand, a child may fail to do some required task, and with repeated failures will come the loss of confidence which may easily result in a hedged-in or ruined after-life. Possibly it is just here that so many fail and have fallen by the wayside of prescribed learning. Tasks distasteful and beyond reach of children are given to them and their ability to do all things is judged by their success or failure in doing these prescribed things. This results in promotion or demotion in school grades, not according to the child's ability, but according to the degree with which his knowledge conforms to that expected of him by his teacher."

"After children have mastered the tools of an education the mechanics of the first three grades, there is little use for a teacher other than as consulting architect, as the child builds his own life. Aid and advice and help of any kind is all right up to the point where the child may mistake legitimate aid for a substitution for his own efforts. Here is the acid test that sets apart the teacher without alloy."

"It is so much easier to prescribe and work out tasks for a child than it is to help him find his peculiar task and stand by patiently and helpfully while he does it. There is no way one may help another acquire any worth while education except by providing legitimate aids, encouraging and guiding as he tackles the job."

"But you ask what does all this have to do with 'Education and Illiteracy?' Most adult illiterates either never had an opportunity to master the tools of an education, or else their faith in themselves was in some way lost before they had mastered these tools."

"Restoring their lost faith is the most difficult as well as the most glorious task in connection with teaching adult illiterates. Adult illiterates in North Carolina are different from those not considered illiterate only insofar as the illiterate's ability to inform himself is concerned."

"There are, roughly speaking, only three classes of people: the ignorant, the informed and the intelligent," she continued. "Manifestly, our illiterate citizens are found in each of these classes just as are found our so-called educated citizens. The main difference is that the illiterate has an almost insurmountable handicap to overcome in his effort to advance along any line of enterprise. Lack of opportunity in schools and a further lack of individual guidance are largely responsible for adult illiteracy."

"Supplying schools and individual instruction for adult illiterates is North Carolina's tardy but sincere effort to furnish what these do not have in their youth. Fortunately, illiterates are never too old to learn. Of course, prevention is much better than remedial. For this reason, let it be repeated again and again that the way to prevent illiteracy is to continue to strengthen the elementary schools and to study constantly the question of teaching children until each child, as he grows to manhood, may not repeat the saying that now comes most often from the lips of adult illiterates: 'I never had a chance.'"

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OTHER BURLINGTON NEWS

(Special to Daily News.)
Burlington, Dec. 7.—The funeral service for J. L. Keck, who died at his home on Clendenen avenue Monday morning, was held at Lows church Tuesday and was conducted by Rev. W. B. Burdette of the First Baptist church in this city. Mr. Keck was about 60 years of age, and is survived by ten children, seven daughters and three sons. The children living here except two sons, Berry Keck, of Texas, and Dewey Keck, of Augusta, Ga. Mr. Keck had been ill only a week. He had been a resident of Burlington for the past 15 or 20 years, and was well known and respected by all who knew him. The marriage of E. J. Russell, of this city, to Mrs. C. L. Howard, of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., which was solemnized November 18, has just been announced here. The announcement reads that Mr. and Mrs. Russell will be at home after December 12 in Burlington. Mr. Russell is a prominent business man of Burlington, having conducted a harness repair shop here for the past several years.

Couple Married In Oklahoma To Make Lenoir Their Home

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Lenoir, Dec. 7.—A wedding of much beauty and charm was that of Miss Pearl Annette Minish and Joseph Thomas Ingram which took place at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Helen Pennell Gordon, 419 East Fifth street, Edmond, Okla., Thursday afternoon, November 30, at 5 o'clock.

Immediately after the wedding a dinner was served to the wedding guests. Covers were laid for eight. The colors, yellow and white, were effectively carried out in the table decorations and throughout the elegantly served dinner.

Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Ingram left for a short visit to relatives in Kansas and after December 10 they will be at home to their friends in Lenoir.

Express Company Man Tells Of Taking Company's Money

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 6.—Frank S. Cowert, 46, money clerk for the Southeastern Express company, under arrest here charged with stealing various sums of money from express shipments, tonight made a confession, according to Chief of Detectives William Hackett. Cowert, according to the confession, would break the seals on money packages, extract a certain amount, delay delivery until other shipments arrived, then restore the amount he had taken from the first package with funds taken from other shipments. The thefts, according to Cowert, have been going on since last November. Cowert was bound over to the grand jury after a preliminary hearing.

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GUILFORD COLLEGE NEWS

Miss Edith Sharpless, Missionary to Japan, Makes Inspiring Talk.

Guilford College, Dec. 7.—Miss Edith Sharpless, who is a missionary to Japan from the Friends church, spent the week-end at the college. She made an interesting talk Sunday morning in the Friends church at the closing exercises of the Bible school.

Mrs. Annie E. Williams has returned from the W. G. T. U. World's convention in Philadelphia. She was accompanied home by Miss Esther Barr, who will spend some time with her.

Ruffin Frazier, of Greensboro, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Frazier.

A number of relatives and friends of John W. Knight, who lives near Pleasant Ridge church, on R. F. D. 1, from here, met at his home last Sunday to celebrate the 70th anniversary of his birth. He was born December 4, 1852. He has been living at his home 60 years. For 50 years he has been quarrying granite. He began the work in the McGraw quarry. In 1902 he went into the monumental work in Greensboro in the name of J. W. Knight and sons.

There were about 50 present. A lovely dinner was served on the lawn.

Miss Zelma Farlow was painfully injured last Thursday when struck by an automobile near the station. She was crossing the asphalt road and a car from Winston struck her.

A surprise party was given to Mrs. Walter Thomas last Friday afternoon by her neighbors and friends. They are building a lovely new home and expect to move into it soon. The surprise was complete and very much enjoyed. She received a large number of beautiful and useful presents.

Rev. Joseph Peale and family spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Winston-Salem.

Francis and Alfred Lindley, students at Davidson college, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lindley.

Mrs. G. G. Page and daughter, Miss Frances Page, and son, G. G., spent the Thanksgiving holidays with relatives in Graham.

A surprise party was given to Mrs. Ellen Stanley and daughter, Miss Mary, who are spending the winter in Greensboro, were visitors here for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. George Roberson, of Greensboro, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Fannie Roberson.

Four Children Burned to Death

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Four children of the family of Joseph Budak, who were burned to death and Budak, his wife and two other children seriously burned by fire early today that partly destroyed their home.

Several Marriages Occur During Past Week—Liquor Car Captured

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Martinsville, Va., Dec. 7.—The Presbyterian church on Saturday evening was the scene of one of the most beautiful marriages ever solemnized in Martinsville, when Miss Mildred Elizabeth Stephens became the bride of James Robert Gregory, Jr. The church was artistically decorated. Miss Dorothy Clements, of Greensboro, was the pianist; Mrs. G. B. Knapp, violinist, and Mrs. C. T. Womack, soloist, rendered a brilliant musical program while guests were assembling. Rev. C. H. Phipps, of the Presbyterian church officiated, assisted by Rev. W. E. Roach, of the Episcopal church. Among the many out of town guests were: Mrs. W. A. McKnight and Miss Dorothy Clements, of Greensboro.

Another big church marriage took place last night in the Christian church, when Miss Ellen Finley became the bride of Mr. Andrews, of Roanoke, Va.

Another church wedding on Saturday evening when Miss Katherine L. Packard will become the bride of Roger M. Winborne, of Roanoke, Va. This marriage will take place in the Christ Episcopal church.

Harold S. Glen, of Roanoke, Va., and Miss Bertha Mae White, of Elkin, were married at the Presbyterian manse on Monday by Rev. C. H. Phipps.

A practically new Buick roadster driven by Marshall Daniel, of Charlotte county, was captured Monday night a few miles east of Martinsville loaded with 116 gallons of booze. Daniel is being held for a preliminary trial and the automobile for forfeiture proceedings. A Dodge car was captured on Sunday night with 299 gallons of liquor on it. It was driven by a man from Danville by the name of Willie Washington. His good name did not keep him out of trouble.

Coker College Music and Drama League Organized

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Hartsville, S. C., Dec. 7.—One of the most important events of the life at Coker college was the organization of the Coker College Music and Drama league November 24.

With James L. Coker, founder and president, this organization fosters great ambitions for the future; chief among these is the revival on a larger scale of the old time festival which flourished before the war.

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