



Gracious, Merciful God.

Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.—Nehemiah 9:17.

OUR OFFER TO THE PUBLIC.

During the past few months The Chatham Record has purchased and now has on file at its office various and sundry reference books and encyclopedias that are invaluable for research work or to gain information upon any known subject whatsoever. Foremost among these are The New International Dictionary of the Merriman series and The Home and School Reference Work, the latter being perpetual in character, compiled by more than 200 of the world's foremost educators, while the former is inexhaustive in its sphere.

In addition to these leading influences for information that cannot be questioned, we have The American Dictionary, compiled by the most eminent Philologists and contains many thousands of new words used in modern literature, science and art. Then we have the Universal Encyclopedia or Ready Reference work by the John C. Winston Co.

All these books are illustrated throughout with colored photo engravures and there is absolutely no subject, event historical, or secular that is not fully discussed and explained in them. These books collected at various times within the last eighteen months have cost several hundred dollars, but they are worth the price to anyone.

Our reason in going into detail about them is for the purpose of offering them to anyone in our territory at any time that they may feel the need of such work or can use them for research activity of any nature whatsoever. Many school students or perhaps teachers or professional men could use them at times to a great advantage, and we offer their use to you and will be glad for you to take advantage of the proposition. Of course we would prefer to keep them in our office, but in case of an emergency we would let them go to the home.

Many folks are perhaps like the editor of this paper; not having had the advantage of even a high school education, much less that of college it is necessary many times to call on printed authorities, and these books referred to are thoroughly reliable and have never been disputed. One can depend upon the information secured from their pages. As stated in these columns before, the editor attended common school but a few weeks in his youth, being compelled to work in his earlier life, but reference works, reading current literature continually, as well as the secular press, has been very helpful and we feel that it has qualified us to a great extent and we know that these books will be valuable to someone else.

We offer you the opportunity at any time to use them that you care to come to our office and you can find any information that you seek from one or the other and the conclusions given by them is fully warranted in every particular.

EVIL OF ABSENTEE VOTE.

Edward E. Britton, Washington correspondent of The News and Observer, says that more is known in the capital city about the evils of the absentee vote and the absentee voters' law than in any of the states. As each election comes along, he says, there are special organizations which set to work getting out the absentee vote. There are democratic organizations doing this and there are republican organizations, and in the campaign at hand it is supposed that fort to have a national organization at the same time.

Britton says that there is an effort to have a national organization take our manner of handling the absentee vote in hand.

In our opinion the absentee voters' law is one of the greatest frauds ever perpetuated upon a civilized country. It stands to reason that the "machinery" or dominating influences, whether it be in a section ruled by democrats or republicans, will always count the absentee vote. They manipulate the matter so that it makes the average for the faction in charge. It should be abolished at once. If a man or woman is not sufficiently interested in going to the polls to offer their will and influence by a vote, they should not be given suffrage. The sick and those honestly detained from the polls would be negligent.

This apathy and unconcern among voters, however, has reached an alarming proportion and something should be done to interest people more in the affairs of their country, whether it be local in nature or of national concern. The 1920 figures for North Carolina show that for every 100 votes cast there were 86 absentee or stay-at-home votes in the nation. The census of 1920 gave North Carolina a population of 1,207,174 people 21 years old or older and there was a population of 207,745 unnaturalized citizens 21 years old or over. The number of votes cast in North Carolina in 1920 were only 538,785. Therefore, there were 464,224 per-

sons in North Carolina entitled to vote who remained at home or were so unconcerned that they failed to go to the polls. Just how many absentee votes were cast among the 538 thousand, there is no record but it can be figured that at least ten per cent were cast as absentees. Then what are we to do about this negligence and apathy? No person who is entitled to vote should remain away from the polls, regardless of his political faith; it is only a privilege but a sacred duty to participate in the elections. Let's get busy.

We trust that every Chatham county citizen, man or woman, who is entitled to be registered, shall see that their name is on the registration books at the next election and cast a vote of their own choice. It is your duty to yourself and to your neighbor and we will not have your government until you do.

IS NOT A CANDIDATE.

Dr. Denson writes The Chatham Record that he must decline to run for coroner, and desires this paper to announce it to the public for him. Dr. Denson says: "I cannot become a candidate for coroner, or any other office. I have neither the time nor the inclination. I am very grateful for the honor shown me, and am sorry that I cannot make the race. For anything beyond my every day work, I am on the shelf."

TRIBUTE TO A NEIGHBOR.

Every day the Raleigh Times publishes articles from its files ten years backwards. On Tuesday, July 24th, it printed the following: "Chief deputy collector H. M. London is off on his vacation. He and his father, Maj. H. A. London, of Pittsboro, and his brother, lieutenant London, will visit the battlefields of Virginia."

Death of a Splendid Woman and Her Baby at Buckhorn Sunday.

Corinth, July 28.—There is a tense feeling of sorrow and heartache abroad in our community tonight for we have suffered an abundant, unbearable and very untimely loss. It has come so suddenly and so swiftly that it is hard to realize as yet. For just within the last 48 hours a young, capable, attractive, christian mother and her infant son have suddenly sickened, died and passed on to their rich reward, leaving a bereft, heart broken husband, two small motherless sons, a bereaved mother and father, an only sister, three brothers and a great throng of sorrowing and sympathetic relatives and friends. It is indeed with sorrow and regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mrs. W. Hubert Cross and her infant son.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross were a devoted couple and had been our next door neighbors at the Buckhorn Power Plant for the last six years, where Mr. Cross is employed as an operator. She died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Harrington, at which place the burial ceremonies were held by her pastor, Rev. Piland. Mr. Piland's talk was short but very touching and most appropriate and comforting to the many there, bowed down in sorrow and grief.

The mother with her babe clasped in her arm at her side, were placed in one beautiful, gray casket and laid to rest in one grave at the small cemetery on the site of the new Buckhorn church.

At the time Mrs. Cross died, Mr. Cross was at the Rex hospital in Raleigh with Edwin, his second son, who is dangerously sick with colitis. He reached the bedside of his wife only a few minutes before she breathed her last. Her husband's sorrow is perhaps the greatest, but we can assure him that he is not alone in his bereavement for all who had come to know her, admired and respected her.

LOCAL NEWS ORE HILL ONE.

Ore Hill, Rt. 1, July 28.—Misses Gwendolyn and Bettie Phillips, of Greensboro, are visiting this week and next, relatives in this section.

Messrs B. A. Phillips, A. A. Lambe and Vernon Phillips motored to Greensboro Saturday, and came back Sunday.

Visitors at the home of Misses Valie and Sue Talley Sunday were Misses Callie Brewer, Ruby Phillips, Lalah and Florence Andrews.

Visitors at Mr. D. A. Phillips Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Isaac D. Stone, Miss Beatrice Welch and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brewer.

Folks in this section are busy priming tobacco and curing.

Miss Flossie Phillips visited relatives in Moore county Sunday.

Miss Nora Joyce spent last Monday night with Miss Vallie Talley.

Mr. and Mrs. Colon Yow called in at Mr. W. M. Joyce's Saturday night.

Mrs. Fannie Lambe has been very sick. We are very glad to state that she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grubbs, of Winston-Salem, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Grubbs, Sunday.

NEWS FROM SANFORD FIVE.

Sanford, Rt. 5, July 28.—Misses Nellie and Dallis Woody spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Mary Dixon.

Mrs. Rena Johnson spent a part of last week with Mr. H. D. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Johnson and family spent Wednesday afternoon with his brother, Mr. W. R. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Johnson, Mrs. Rena Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bird motored to Durham Sunday afternoon.

M. Joe Campbell spent the week end with his daughter, Mrs. Carrie Eubanks, near Moncure.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ray spent a while with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell Sunday.

Mr. Joe Campbell spent Thursday night with his daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Smith spent Saturday night with their son, Mr. Marvin Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Pendergrass spent Friday night with his mother, Mrs. A. L. Pendergrass.

Barnum said there was one born every minute, but the success of get-rich-quick schemes inclines us to the belief that the birthrate is increasing.

WISE AND OTHERWISE Some Our'n—Some Their'n

There are no teachers' pets in the school of experience.

Luck isn't everything, but it's an item to be considered when added to hard work.

Don't scold if the garage bill is high. It may include the grease rubbed on the cushions.

No community is going to go forward so long as some of its citizens continue to go backward.

"Try it for six days in your home," says an advertisement for saxophones—and lose your home, neighbors and friends.

The new books on etiquette seem to answer every question except whether it is etiquette to read books on etiquette.

The fellow who opposes a public improvement is often among the first to compliment it when he finds that it is popular.

The neighborhood busybody is called a snoop, but the person who gets paid for the same thing is called an investigator.

It was president Grant who first used the words, "Let no guilty man escape." It was a big order for his day, much less in present times.

Will Run in Second Primary.

Mrs. Miriam Ferguson, wife of the impeached governor of Texas, in a statewide primary Saturday, ran second for the nomination of governor of that state, she receiving 72,419 votes, her highest opponent 91,155. She will run in the second primary.

WANTS

Ten Cents a line for first insertion. Count six words to the line, including figures and initials.

All Notices of articles "Found" will hereafter be published free of charge in this column. Send them in and we will make no charge either to the finder or owner.

BRING US YOUR CROSS TIES, Chickens, eggs, hams and shoulders and side meat. We pay highest cash prices. Connell & Johnson.

DON'T KEEP YOUR PICTURES hid away, have them framed at Brooks & Eubanks.

FOR RENT—3 room house and 20 acres of land near Pittsboro. See Annie Scurlock, Pittsboro. 1tp

NEW LOT TRUNKS and Suit Cases at Brooks & Eubanks; trunks from \$5.00 to \$18.00; suit cases \$1.50 to \$8.50. 1t

BABY CARRIAGE FOR SALE—Cheap. Mrs. George Brewer, Pittsboro, N. C. 1t-c

OUR STOCK OF MERCHANDISE is replenished often and we'll keep the best, try us and see. Brooks & Eubanks.

JUST RECEIVED TWO SOLID Cars sweet feed of the very best quality, one car timothy hay and two cars oats expected daily. See us, we have the goods at reasonable prices. Connell & Johnson.

RIDE THE EASY WAY—Take the mail route. Good seats. Beats the train and cheaper. Fare from Siler City to Durham \$1.50; Pittsboro to Durham, \$1.00; Pittsboro to Chapel Hill, 50c.; Pittsboro to Siler City 50c. W. T. Johnson, contractor.

WILL PAY \$1.10 CASH FOR A FEW hundred bushels corn delivered to our store. Connell & Johnson.

FOR RENT OR SALE old county home farm. See J. A. Woody, Rt. 2, Pittsboro, or call at Record office for information.

IF YOU HAVE LAND TO SELL we are in a position to help you if you will write us giving description of the farm, lots or business property you wish to sell. Address Mr. Land, care of Chatham Record, Pittsboro, N. C. 1t

SECOND HAND INTERNATIONAL 8-horse power gas engine for sale. Inquire at The Record office. 1t

MONEY TO LOAN—We have \$50,000 to loan to the farmers of Chatham county within the next ninety days at 5 1-2 per cent interest and from 1 to 33 years time. Chatham Realty Co., V. R. Johnson, secretary, Pittsboro 1t

SEND ORDERS FOR JOB PRINTING of all kinds—letter heads, envelopes, etc., to the only exclusive shop in the county. We are equipped to fill your orders promptly and at reasonable prices. Paragon Press, Siler City, N. C. 1t

FOR QUICK REPAIRS on motors or tires, and general repairs to your car, go to the Square Filling Station. Also gas, oil, tires and accessories. We answer trouble calls at any time and send expert mechanic to your assistance any time.

FOR SALE—Fine Pedigree Essex pigs, 3 1/2 months old, \$10 to \$12.50; Also pedigree Jersey bull, 2 years old. F. L. Teague, Rt. 5, Siler City. 2tp

NOTICE! ON ACCOUNT OF UNCERTAINTY of the cedar market I am not buying cedar posts or logs at the present time, but expect to start buying again around the first of August. However, ample notice will be given when I again enter the market. D. B. Nooe, Pittsboro. 1t

Education Invaluable Laws for the liberal education of youth are so extremely wise and useful that, to a humane and generous mind, no expense for this purpose would be thought extravagant. Another Fish Story Scientists have discovered a fish that shouts, and are likely to receive praise and fame for doing so. Now what would we say of a plain fisherman who reported such a discovery? A Self-Medicator Francis Bacon, the philosopher, was another self-medicator. When it rained he would ride out in an open coach with bared head to receive the benefit of irrigation, as he put it.

Auction Sale!! Saturday, August 2, at 10 A. M. We Offer Our Entire Stock of Shoes, Dry Goods And Notions to highest bidder. We are discontinuing handling dry goods and shoes and want room for our big stock of Fall Hardware Come and buy high class merchandise at your own price. Connell & Johnson. H. T. HORNADY, Auctioneer.

Listen to this While riding on a train recently William Wrigley, of chewing gum fame, was approached by a man who addressed him thus: "Pardon me, Mr. Wrigley, but do you know you're wasting money?" Mr. Wrigley, always anxious to learn anything about his own business, asked in return: "How?" "Why in advertising," the man replied. "Your product is so well known now you don't need to advertise." "My good man," Mr. Wrigley answered him, "do you know what would happen if we were to cut the engine off from this train?" "The train would coast along for a while and then stop, I suppose." "Exactly," replied Mr. Wrigley, "and that's just what my business would do if I cut off my newspaper advertising. Newspaper advertising is the engine that furnishes the motive power for my business." Mr. Advertiser—nearly three thousand homes—with an average of five people to the family—or approximately fifteen thousand Chatham Record readers are the grades you negotiate by the persistent and continuous use of the engines—advertising columns—The Chatham Record whose vast army of readers you cannot afford to ignore.