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General Disregard

We often hear reports that many people have no regard for the property of another and this leads us to wonder whether that has always been the case or whether people are drifting more or less in that direction.

One lady who takes pride in keeping her lawn and yard beautiful recently remarked that she was about ready to give up the task because the public makes no apology for parking in her driveway, backing on the lawn, using the grounds as a passway and throwing trash on her premises.

We find this disregard to be increasing and that many who compose that throng called the general public are continually showing less respect for another's private property. This is a bad omen and represents a trend that must be curbed if degeneration is not to be the result.

And while there seems to be little respect for private property there is still less for public property. One of the most vivid impressions along this line can be gained by passing a school building and noticing that half the window lights have been broken. It would be ridiculous to suppose that all of the panes were broken accidentally and the observer naturally gets a bad mind picture of the youth of the community in which such a school is located.

These trends in human nature denote, of all, that home training in courtship and respect for public or private property has been sadly lacking. Possible such principles are not stressed as they should be in the schools but we know that a teacher will give up in despair in trying to train a child when there was no foundation for training laid in the home.

Diversified Farming

While we are prone to moan over the absence of a general cash crop in Wilkes county, other sections of the state have their troubles with cash crops. If a farmer grows a few acres of tobacco and realizes \$2,000 from the crop he figures that by doubling his acreage and leaving off food and feed crops he can increase his earning to \$4,000. But such is not the case. This practice leads to overproduction and congested markets on which his doubled acreage will not bring him \$2,000 and he loses on his crop, in the meantime producing no food and feed supplies for the home.

Here is what the State magazine says about diversified farming:

For the past twenty or thirty years the gospel of diversified farming has been preached in North Carolina, and apparently it has had very little effect. Whenever it has been practiced, farmers have found it to be profitable. The trouble has been that it hasn't been practiced often enough.

We are so situated—geographically—that we can raise almost any crop that is grown elsewhere in the nation. We can do dairying on an extensive scale and much more cheaply than can Wisconsin, New York and other Northern states. Fruit and vegetables of various kinds can be grown easily and profitably.

And still, despite all this, the vast majority of our farmers in Eastern North Carolina stick to cotton and tobacco. They don't know anything else. They seem to feel that a horrible calamity would befall them unless they devoted every bit of spare acreage to one or the other of these two crops—or both. Telling them about diversified farming has apparently accomplished very little good. And yet, whenever the price of either cotton or tobacco goes down as a result of over-production, they raise a terrible howl.

One of these days, our farmers here in North Carolina are going to awaken to the true state of affairs, and when they do they are going to enjoy greater prosperity than they ever have done in the past. The best way to do so is to refrain from putting all their eggs in one basket.

Climate and soil conditions in Wilkes are favorable to the production of almost any kind of crop. For this reason Wilkes has a glorious opportunity to progress along agricultural lines and can be the envy of the counties which have been leading in major cash crops.

Highway Accident Causes

An insurance company has compiled statistics showing the causes of 25,100 automobile fatalities last year. Here is the way the causes stack up:

What caused serious accidents last year? As in the past, excessive speed accounted for 81 percent of all accidents in which persons were killed and injured. A heavy foot on the accelerator smooths the path to the morgue.

Next came driving on the wrong side of the road, the cause of 17 percent of the accidents. "Keep to the right" seems to be a laugh to many drivers.

Cars not having the right of way caused 15 percent of the accidents. Their drivers saved a second or two—at the expense of life and health.

Fourteen percent of the accidents occurred when cars drove off the roadway. Many causes may enter into this type of accident—and drunken driving, which seems to be on the increase, is among them. A substantial portion of motorists must be taught, no matter how roughly, that alcohol and gasoline make a poor mixture.

Reckless driving caused 13 percent of the accidents, with the remaining 10 percent laid to miscellaneous causes.

Think over this list. How often have you been guilty of one or more of the violations listed? Sure, you got away with it last time—but remember that next time you may not be so lucky.

BRUCE BARTON Soap

WE WANT TO FEEL BETTER

A man who is much disturbed by what he calls the "forgotten habit of church attendance," asks me to write a piece on that subject. From rather limited observation, it has seemed to me that church attendance has been better since times became worse. If this observation be correct, it only bears out the record of past experience.

Years ago Roger Babson made a study which proved in most interesting and conclusive fashion that people tend to neglect the church in boom times and go back to it when prosperity has fled. A boom begets big-headedness, conceit, extravagance, self-will, all these are enemies to humility and faith, and all evaporate in a deflation.

My father, who was a clergyman, used to say: "It does not surprise me that more people do not go to church. On the contrary, I am forever being amazed that so many do go." He went on to ask: "Why do people go?" And he answered by saying that they go to hear themselves called sinners, to be told that they have done wrong during the week and have been a disappointment to themselves and the angels; they go to be asked to give money and to be told that they do not give enough. . . . All this, said my father, is a program so rigorous that the wonder is that anybody continues to ask for it.

He might have added that people who have been regular church attendants in recent years have had to listen to an awful lot of second-hand economics.

Those people who went to listen to the Founder of the Church heard a good deal about their social obligations, but they heard, also, that they were great people, with infinite capacities—children of the Almighty and heirs of eternal life. At the close of the sermon they felt encouraged, not discouraged; better, not worse.

This can be said of some church congregations today.

WE'LL ALWAYS BE FALLIBLE

It is my painful duty to report that the human race is in a bad way, and to submit in evidence a number of remarks made recently by thoughtful citizens at luncheon and dinner tables.

First remark, by the president of a large corporation: "I have revised my will and eliminated the clause which named a trust company as administrator. My observation of the action of trust companies during this depression convinces me that they do not know anything."

Second remark, by an intelligent woman: "I have no use for doctors. Most of the time they are merely guessing. They have the lucky advantage of being able to bury their mistakes."

Third remark: "When the lawyers talk about 'cleaning up the bar' they know it is just talk and that nothing will be done. They want the law to be intricate and involved because that makes more work for lawyers."

Fourth remark: "I don't read advertising any more; it is so exaggerated and misleading."

Each of these remarks remind me of the very wise advice of an older editor when, years ago, I was placed in charge of a magazine. He said: "You are going to discover that there are no efficient people in the world. You will explain an idea to a writer; and he will seem to understand, but when he delivers the finished article, it won't be at all what you want. You will think an artist has a clear notion of the kind of picture you want, but when he brings it in it will be a hundred per cent wrong."

All of which sums up to this—the human race is made up of a great many, million very fallible human beings. On the whole, they try their best, but their batting average is low; it always will be low just because they are human and limited and fallible. If you proceed on that assumption you never are disappointed, and every now and then you get a very cheering surprise.

Millers Creek School News

The Conditions of Our Class Rooms

It is almost impossible in our classes in some of our class rooms in rainy weather, because of the leaky roof, the wet floors and the leakage necessitates the wearing of coats and overcoats while sitting on classes.

The books in the library have also been damaged considerably by rain.

Our purpose is not to make matters appear worse than they really are. But to give people a better idea of the bad conditions with which we are forced to contend.

We sincerely hope and trust, that in the near future the buildings at Millers Creek High school will be greatly improved.

Senior Anticipation

We, seniors are looking forward with keen anticipation to the Junior-Senior reception which will be given soon. All our cares and worries will be put aside, for the occasion. And we shall forget to grumble about hard lessons and inconsiderate teachers. Our faces will lose for a while the gloomy expressions which you see at this particular time.

Senior Class Reporter

When It Rains!
Last Tuesday, it rained all day and what do you think? We had to wear our coats and overcoats in the class room to keep from getting real wet. When the sun shines brightly, a little sunshine comes in but when it rains, it all comes in.

The general appearance of our school building is bad enough—inside and out—during dry weather, but when it rains, we have swimming pools in all our class rooms!

Junior Class News

This week the Juniors have taken their monthly examinations and with few exceptions have passed them, making good grades. Millers Creek high school has planned a basketball tournament between the classes of the high school. The Juniors have got in some good practice and they expect to win. They are planning to give the other classes a great surprise when the games are played.

Sophomore Class News

Louise McGlamery is collecting money to buy a much-needed pencil trimmer for the ninth graders. She thinks that it is becoming a very difficult task.

My Pony

One night while standing by the old garden gate
The moon was rising—it was getting late,
I cast my eyes down the long narrow lane,
I saw my dear pony with her silver white mane.
She came walking toward me with a step so light,
Turning her eyes to the stars shining bright,
She smelled of my hand and gave a loud bray,
I jumped on her back and galloped away.

Written by Otha B. Nichols.
Only about two-thirds of the sophomore class were present Tuesday afternoon and also on Wednesday because of bad weather. The school house leaked so badly Tuesday that they were afraid to come back on Wednesday.

Those on the sick list this week are Evelyn Turner and Edith Be-shears.

Sophomore Class Reporter

The Freshman Class News

We, the students of Millers Creek High School and also the members of the faculty have fully approved of a new school building. On March 17th, 1936, which is near the time of the equinoxial storm it made it disagreeable for students and teachers.

We had to skip around within the walls of the building to dodge the raindrops.

We need an increase of interest in the task of making our counties more efficient by a few better school buildings.

The few modern up-to-date school buildings which have been improved in the last generation have made Wilkes county more efficient.

Citizens, think this problem over, discuss it to your neighbors and friends!

My idea is: We will all profit by it.

The Freshman Class is giving a wreath of flowers in loving remembrance to the late Jim Nichols. Well known as "Jim Wheeler." He died March 18th, at 10:45 p. m. of a heart attack. One of his grandchildren, Bonnie Martin, is a student of the Freshman class of Millers Creek high school.

RALPH REBOE

News Reporter.
Girl's Sport News

On account of the bad weather, we were unable to play ball last week. We are planning to have a close game as soon as the basketball court gets dry enough to play on.

Reporter.
Seventh Grade

The following students were on the honor roll for the 5th month:

Virginia Reeves

Seventh Grade Editor.
Sixth Grade News
We have had very disagreeable weather to the past week. It was difficult for children to walk home because of the snow blinding them Monday evening. The roads were very slick and it was difficult for the buses to travel. Also the snow blinded the driver. The sixth grade room leaked during the rain.

The following children of the sixth grade room were on the honor roll last month: Doris Tubburt, Louise McNeil, J. T. Vanoy, Emma McGlamery, Emma Mae Reichardt, Res Gungarner, Faye Eller, Edridge Nichols, Bettie Kilby and Hazel Hayes.

We have just completed the tests for the sixth month. Most of the grades were better than they were last month.

Class Reporter

News of Fifth Grade

The fifth grade has been doing some work in nature study this month. Our teacher, Mrs. Cranor has read us several stories in "Wild Animals I Have Known," written by Ernest Thompson Seton. All the students wrote letters to her, telling how they liked a story she had read us and why they liked it.

The boys in the fifth grade have made bird houses and brought them to school since we have been studying nature.

The attendance in the fifth grade has been almost as good during the bad weather as it was in the pretty weather. Nearly every one attended. The students on the honor roll every month this year are: Elyna Eller and Baxter Bumgarner.

ELLYNA ELLER

Reporter.

Signs of Spring

Some days ago I felt so gay
For I thought that spring was on its way,
But today the wind is blowing,
And it is snowing,
But I shall not feel blue,
For I know the violets will come peeping through.
Birds are winging,
They soon will be singing,
So don't have fear,
That spring will not be here.
BRONKA BUMGARNER,
Third Grade.

Ever morning in the second grade we have a amateur hour we call it Major Bowes amateur hour. Billy Bumgarner was Major Bowes he asked them what is your name? Where do you live? What do you want to do? They tell him, Max Vannoy said Major I want to tap dance. Major said all right, all right. Vivian Nichols sang a song, The Music Goes Round and Around. Ander acted

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Gilreath Resident Claimed By Death

Funeral services were held at the Memorial church at Gilreath Friday morning, ten o'clock, for Mrs. Helen Marlow, age 59, who died at her home Wednesday afternoon.

She was the wife of the late W. B. Marlow and is survived by eight sons and one daughter as follows: David and Dewey Marlow, Mooresville; Daniel, Fred, Joe and James Marlow, Gilreath; L. E. Marlow and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mountain.

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