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Let My Neighbors Say I Was a Friend to Man

Correspondent Finds Some Beautiful Sentiment in the Cotton Growers' Organ, and Comments Upon it

Clarendon, March 11.—"My community is the place where my home is founded, where my children are educated, where my income is earned, where my friends dwell and where my life is chiefly lived. I have chosen to live here after due consideration, from among all the places on the earth. It is the home spot for me. Here let me live until death claims me. Then let my neighbors say I was a friend to man."

The above was read in the North Carolina Cotton Grower and it so impressed us that we are passing it to our readers for their consideration and benefit. If we could fully grasp the meaning of these beautiful lines and make our lives conform to the same, what a great community we would all have! Instead of trying to make our community the very best, and the lives of the people happy, so many of us are prone to find fault and knock everything and everybody who are working for the progress and development of our surroundings. If the people of every community would work together to have good roads, good schools, good churches and stand behind the men and women of the community who are in charge of these things, what a great country we would have, and how much better every one would feel! And why not? We have chosen our home in a particular section of the country. We are a part of that section and are responsible, in a large measure, for its shortcomings. For no community is any worse than the people who live in it. Good communities are made up of good people, God-loving, God-fearing and God-serving people, if you please, who love their homes, their neighbors, their schools and their churches. The man or woman who is living for self alone, and has no interest in the welfare of his environment, is a curse to any community, and that community would be better off if they were banished to some island in the sea. The great need of the hour is more real men and women who are too busy doing things for the good of their fellowman to stop to find fault and knock those whose hands they should hold up.—J. D. Frink.

LITTLE HOPE HELD FOR THE ENTOMBED MINERS

Castle Gate, Utah, March 10.—Belief was expressed by company officials tonight that tomorrow all inner recesses of the Utah Fuel company mine will have been penetrated and the fate of the 173 miners entombed by the explosions Saturday determined. While little hope is held that any of the men are alive—and 36 bodies had been recovered at 6 p. m.—there is a bare possibility that some escaped by barricading themselves in a recess of the mine.

George Wilson, member of a rescue crew was killed and several rescue men were overcome Saturday and yesterday while trying to reach those in the mine, adding to the number of casualties.

Governor Charles R. Mabey, of Utah, visited the mine today with company officials and the executive afterward announced he will issue an appeal for funds for relief among the families of the stricken miners.

Picked rescue crews worked in the scene way of the mine through the day and night in search for bodies of victims.

Dead were brought to the surface for identification and then taken to the morgue, where relatives are seeking word of their loved ones.

Despite the great disaster, people here, and it is estimated that every family is affected, have made no demonstration other than that of profound grief. There has been no confusion which attends many disasters.

The little school house here has been converted into a bunkhouse for the rescue crews and the several children of their pupils excused until further notice, are taking part in relief work.

DAUGHERTY'S STATUS REMAINS UNCHANGED

Washington, March 10.—More filing of evidence preliminary to hearing in the Daugherty investigation again occupied the special senate committee today.

There was at the same time a lack of any development from Attorney General Daugherty or other administrative officers regarding his status. The senate committee has perfect means for investigation of the attorney general and his administration of the department of justice to which hearings scheduled to begin Thursday, are expected to continue thereafter uninterrupted for an indefinite period.

"We can accomplish so much more than 'I' can never do.

Mr. John O. Powell Died Tuesday Morning

Well Known and Highly Esteemed Farmer of Route Two Passes in Wilmington Hospital; Funeral Today

Mr. John O. Powell died in a Wilmington hospital Tuesday morning at ten o'clock following an operation for stomach trouble. Lockjaw is supposed to have set in and to have been the immediate cause of death. Mr. Powell has lived all his life in this community, his home being on Route 2, Whiteville. He was an industrious farmer, and although for the past many years his health has been anything but good, he has struggled to live and support his wife and six children.

The surviving widow was before her marriage Miss Marion Young, of Hallsboro. Mr. Powell married late in life, and now the eldest of his six children is only twelve years old. For many years he had his invalid father and mother with him, and during the four years that his father was confined to his bed before his death, Mr. Powell was up with him during the night and working during the day. Mr. Powell died at the age of 52.

The burial will take place today at the Shipman grave yard over the White Marsh, and those who have known the sacrificial life that the deceased has led will be present to pay their last tribute.

Robs a Blind Man; Burns His Store

Cowardly Crime Perpetuated Upon Defensive Blind Man and His Family in Western Prong Sections of Co.

The country store of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wooten, midway between Clarkton and Whiteville, was completely destroyed by fire at about one o'clock Tuesday morning of this week.

There is strong evidence of the store having been robbed and then set on fire. Several nights during recent weeks the store has been forcibly entered and plundered at night and the indication are that this occurred again Tuesday night and that the robbers then set fire to the building to cover up the crime.

Mr. Wooten is totally blind. The store was the only means of gaining a living for him, his wife, their three children and Mrs. Wooten's aged mother. The couple lost all of their property, except the store last year. Mrs. Wooten conducted the store and was able to do fairly well for her husband and the others dependent upon her. In addition to the considerable stock of goods that were destroyed, Mrs. Wooten also lost her sewing machine which was kept in the building in order that she could employ what leisure moments she had from the business in attending to her sewing.

EVANGELIST DRANK POISON

An evangelist named Stevens is holding a meeting at Tarboro, and last Friday night just before beginning his sermon, drank a solution of tincture of iron, tannic acid and oxalic acid, which had been used as demonstration, in the afternoon, and left on the stand where water is usually placed. The evangelist discovering what he had done, hastily went to a hospital, where a stomach pump was used and in less than half an hour was back in the pulpit preaching, as if nothing had happened. His song leader had held a meeting in the afternoon for the children, and had used the mixture of tannic acid and iron to show the blackening effects of sin, while illustrating his talk, and poured the oxalic acid into it to show how the entrance of God in one's life, cleared it up, and left the mixture where the minister took a draught of it before he realized what he was doing.

FERTILIZER COMPANY IN HANDS OF RECEIVER

The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. operating fertilizer plants in different sections of the south, one of these being located at Wadesboro, has been placed in the hands of a receiver. President Wilson, who was named as one of the receivers, stated that this action was taken when it became apparent that it was the only means of protecting the company's assets and property and the best interests of the security holders. It is stated that there will be no interruption in the normal conduct of the company's business. The receivership was fore-shown by a collapse in the price of the company's stock and bond issues in trading on the New York stock exchange last week. Both common and preferred stock declined to new low levels and several of the bond issues broke from 15 to 17 points, also to new low prices. There was heavy liquidation of all the new issues.

Mr. Taylor Sustains Painful Injuries

Lumber Buyer Fell and Broke Right Leg While Inspecting Timber Last Week; Returns to New York

Mr. C. M. Taylor, who has been making his home here for the past several months while he was engaged in the purchase of timber for interested in which he and his brother are interested in New York state, fell one day last week while concluding the inspection work on a large number of logs and broke his right leg above the ankle.

The injury was quite a painful one and Mr. Taylor's brother came down from New York the first of this week and accompanied him home, where he will remain until he recovers from his injuries. Mrs. Taylor and their two attractive children also went to New York. It is understood that the family will return here and that Mr. Taylor will resume his timber buying operations as soon as his injuries will permit. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have many warm friends in Whiteville.

ACME-DELCO NEWS

The Ladies' Aid Society of Delco is doing wonderful work. And the writer cannot help from mentioning some of the things that took place at one of their festivals, which was given in honor of the masculine sex. In fact, I believe that the ladies were experimenting. They undoubtedly believed that the road to a man's heart is by way of his mouth they touched his pocket-book. That is to say that they gave the men plenty of good food and then proceeded to take up an offering. Then games were played and speeches were made, and the whole crowd joined in heartily. Yet, there is one sad regret; the men ate everything that was put before them to eat, and now they don't know when the ladies are going to invite them again. Still, there is a little hope; when the ladies need some more money, they will doubtless do some more cooking, and will invite the men. Tra! La!

An oyster supper was also given by the Ladies' Aid society last Friday night at the school building. Results: Men were filled and their pocketbooks were emptied. Tra! La! la!

Mrs. A. B. Reeves, of Bowden, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Hufham. The Senior class of A.D.H.S. is in sympathy with one of its members, Miss Marjorie Love, who lost two of her uncles this week. Her uncles died about two hours apart.

Clarkton's basketball team defeated A.D.H.S. last Friday. The score was 16-17.

"What God Would Have to Happen" was given by the Delco B.Y.P.U. Sunday at Goshen church. It proved a great success. But some of the feminine members excelled their actions by song. Indeed, the Delco B.Y.P.U. has several girls that it should be proud of, and especially is it proud of Misses Adry Hickman, Virgie Mae Hufham and Gladys Hobbs. These three girls can actually paint a picture with their voices. They held the audience at Goshen spell-bound with their music for some time after the play, "What God Would Have to Happen" had been given. They proved that song excels in worship, and that professed sincerity is the master of artistic appearance. You should hear them. And do not forget that they are going to visit all the neighboring churches with the play and their music. Truly, they have already been invited to so many churches until it looks as if their work has made an interstate hit. But they are proud to give their service in behalf of the Seventy-Five Million campaign. And if you want your heart to be touched, find out when they will visit your church and be present. And they will doubtless reveal to you the fact that:

The scale of life are balanced so well, An atom of sin may drop you in hell,

An atom of love may lift you high, From a lowly earth to a vaulted sky,

And what you do upon this earth Determines true your second birth, Regardless of the sin you've done, Repentance means a victory won.

"POET-JOE," A. D. H. S.

AMERICAN INDUSTRIES LIGHT-EN HOUSEWORK

"After one look into an American kitchen, with all its conveniences and devices to save time and work its marvelous button that one has but to press to work wonders, its equipment to make everything quick, comfortable and easy, I understood America for the first time."—Mrs. John Adams of London.

Dear lady, the American kitchen is the result of electric power, gas and telephone development, the greatest labor savers the world has today.

Cooperatives Meet Here Next Monday

Regular Monthly Meeting Scheduled For Next Monday; A. G. Oliver, W. E. Lea and County Agent Lazar to Speak

The next regular monthly meeting of the Columbus county members of the Cooperative tobacco marketing association will be held in the court house next Monday at 11 o'clock and with several good speakers on the program. In short, an interesting and instructive meeting is being planned and it is desired that all members who can attend should make it a point to be present. Following is the program in brief:

Mr. A. G. Oliver, Poultry specialist, will make a talk on chicken and egg production.

W. E. Lea will give the present statistical position tobacco occupies, together with a full financial statement relative to the 1922 and 1923 crops.

Mr. J. T. Lazar will make announcements in regard to his work. This, together with general discussion should give us an interesting and profitable meeting.

MUSCLE SHOALS SITUATION

The Manufacturers Record, published at Baltimore, in commenting on Muscle Shoals in its issue of Feb. 14, says:

"The Tennessee River and Muscle Shoals are one of the nation's assets. The development of hydro-electric possibilities at Muscle Shoals would result in opening a long stretch of the Tennessee River for navigation, and thus a two-fold service would be rendered the country. In both respects here is an asset of measureless value which should be utilized for individual profit alone but for the broadest service to the greatest strength of country in which the river and Muscle Shoals are located.

"The advocacy by the Manufacturers Record of the offer made by the three southern power companies, and in connection therewith an offer for the production of nitrates and the manufacture of fertilizers, has attracted widespread attention throughout the country, and voluntary letters have come to us from many sources in enthusiastic praise of this position, urging that the government should accept this offer in preference to the one made by Henry Ford.

"Mr. Ford's plan has been in our opinion unwise from the beginning. He has demanded a hundred-year lease on Muscle Shoals, and this should not be given to any individual or combination of individuals on earth; for it stretches into three generations the ownership or control of a power of such measureless value. The terms of his offer have always been identifiing, and the congressional committee has tried in vain to get him to appear in person and explain in detail his offer, and meet the questions that would be raised. He is asking Congress to transfer Muscle Shoals to him for twice the length of time which water powers are granted by the laws of the land.

"On the other hand, the associated power companies of the south, and some of the leading chemists of the nation, have united in propositions which lift the whole undertaking far beyond anything that has ever been promised or suggested by Mr. Ford, or by any one else. The acceptance of this offer would guarantee the production of nitrates and of fertilizers by men whose names and whose achievements rank as of national concern, and by the acceptance of this offer this power would be developed to the utmost extent feasible, and by a super-power system be made available for the great stretch of territory from the Carolinas to Mississippi, and from Mobile on the Gulf through Tennessee and the adjoining region. It is an offer fraught with tremendous possibilities for southern development. Its acceptance would result in concentrating all of the influences and all of the capital back of these power companies and their associates into hastening as rapidly as possible the industrial and agricultural development of the south in order to create a market for this enlarged hydro-electric power development.

Marriage Certificates

In order to file with the eternal fitness of things marriage certificates should be printed on bond paper.

Work of Little Honeybee

A honeybee's work consumes about half the hours of daylight, the remaining hours of the 24 being spent in rest, according to tests made by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Glass Stands Shock

Glass for lenses has been produced that, while as thin and as transparent as ordinary spectacles, will stand five times as great a shock.

Country Club to Be Built Near Boardman

Officials of Buttress Lumber Company Formulating Plans For Big Club Building and Golf Grounds

A meeting was held on Monday night of this week in the law offices of McLean, Varsar, McLean & Stacy in Lumberton for the purpose of appointing committees and selecting a building plan for the country club to be erected on the Lumber River near Boardman. Members of the club from Boardman, Lumberton, Whiteville, Chadbourn, and Bladenboro were present. There will be members from each Whiteville and Chadbourn, and a total membership of fifty men.

The location is a quarter-mile from the big bridge crossing the Lumber River near Boardman, and is visible from the highway. The building will face the river, with sufficient ground in the rear to make a golf course. The idea is to have a suitable place for fishing, boating, swimming, dancing, fish fries, and house parties. The enclosed dance hall with a large fire place at each end will be sufficiently huge for dancing couples, and there will be a number of bed rooms adequate to accommodate a house party of twenty.

The promoters of the organization which should prove a source of pleasure to the members, and friends, are officers of the Buttress Lumber Company.

Many Appeals from Recorder's Judgments

Whiskey Cases Occupied Center of Stage in Tuesday's Session of County Court; Defendants Appealed

With only one exception, every prisoner convicted at Tuesday's session of the county court took an appeal to the next term of Superior court and were allowed bail for their appearance. The one exception was a very old negro suffering from asthma and who has already gone to the roads to begin the expiation of his sentence. The following cases were disposed of:

Aaron Spaulding, having liquor, six months on roads, appealed to Superior court.

Aaron Spaulding, manufacturing, six months on roads appealed to Superior court.

John Jacobs, manufacturing, four months on roads, appealed to Superior court.

John Jacobs, having liquor, six months on roads, appealed to Superior court.

Sam Dowles, operating auto while intoxicated, not guilty.

Sam Dowles, transporting, six months on roads, appealed to Superior court.

John Quince, having liquor, six months on roads. (No appeal.)

PATE HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Laurinburg Exchange.

McNair Pate, son of Z. V. Pate, had a narrow escape from fatal injury February 18th, when he was overcome by exhaust gases, or carbon monoxide, from the motor of his automobile. Mr. Pate is rapidly recovering from the effects of his experience.

Soon after 12 o'clock, February 18th, Mr. Pate drove his car into the garage at the Pate home on Church street and noticing some little misadjustment in the engine, began working on it, while the door of the garage was closed and the motor running. He was soon overcome by the gases from the motor exhaust and lost consciousness. Some time later, probably an hour or more, he was found lying on the floor of the garage, the motor still running and the building filled with smoke and gas. He was given prompt medical attention and for a time his condition was quite serious. He soon rallied, however, from the effects of the deadly gases and is little the worse for the experience, which might easily have been fatal.

Many people are doubtless not aware of the deadly carbon monoxide of the gasoline motor exhaust. It is extremely dangerous in closed buildings, and even in closed automobiles. The United States Bureau of Mines has issued four rules for protection against the deadly effects of the poisonous gas:

Never run automobile engine in closed garage; open doors wide.

Never crawl under car with engine running, even if car is in open air.

Never sit in closed car with engine running and all windows shut, even if car is in open air; always have window open.

So many deaths from carbon monoxide, a gas present in the exhaust from automobiles, have occurred throughout the country during the past few months that the Pittsburgh station of the bureau of mines has been prompted to call the attention of the public to its danger.

Pridgen May Announce for Sheriff's Race

Well Known Young Tabor Man May Run for Office; Comments on The Unusual Weather of This Week

Clarendon, March 11.—The many friends of Mr. Carl Pridgen, cashier of the Bank of Whiteville, Tabor branch, are urging him to enter the race for sheriff of Columbus county. Mr. Pridgen has not made a formal announcement yet, but it is thought that he will do so in the near future. Should he throw his hat in the ring, he will make a splendid race. Mr. Pridgen is a young business man of sterling character, and if elected, the sheriff's office in Columbus county will be in good hands.

About nightfall last Monday a light mist began to fall from the dark lowering clouds, which terminated in a heavy shower of rain, after which the sky cleared and the moon and stars shone brightly for a short while, and we all thought it was "all over." But not so, for just a short time afterwards, we were attracted by the beautiful snow, which was falling lively as bed-time hours came around. And just think, it was the first of the season and the 10th day of March. The wind blew hard all night and very little snow was seen Tuesday morning. Evidently the snow storm was of short duration, but the temperature had reached below freezing point, and all day Tuesday there were high southwestern winds, making it one of the most disagreeable days of the past winter. It is not thought that the cold wave has done much damage through this section, unless plants on tobacco beds are injured. No fruit trees, except plum are yet in bloom. Strawberries have made very little progress toward bearing, and it is not thought that this crop will be damaged to any extent.

The Clarendon graded school will close a very successful term next Friday, and an entertainment will be given at night. Prof. Srole, and his excellent corps of assistants have done good work and pupils in all grades have made fine progress. The ground hog tradition is holding good this year. It will soon be forty days since the little fellow came out of his hole on that bright, sunny, second day of February, saw his shadow and retired.—J. D. Frink.

FIRE CREMATES 172 MINERS

Relatives of Victims in Death Watch At the Mouth of Castle Gate Mine

Castle Gate, Utah, March 9.—The bodies of 172 men were being cremated tonight in the flaming caverns of mine No. 2 of the Utah Fuel Company.

Fire broke out in the mine late today, after the men had been entombed by a dust explosion.

A heavy cloud of black smoke with flames and gas belched forth at the mouth of the main shaft, rolling away in a heavy pall over the little mining town and adding to the terror of women and children who had gathered to await news of husbands and parents. From external appearances the explosions must have wrought destruction almost unparalleled in the history of mine disasters. Three tremendous blasts were heard by workmen on the surface, followed by a number of lesser vibrations.

Then everything became quiet and soon the gas found its way to the surface.

Air vents were immediately tested by the surface crew and all were found to be shattered. Nothing then remained to be done but to rush rescue equipment to the scene and wait for other crews.

The feverish haste somewhat subsided when rescue crews made sufficient headway to discover that an intense fire raged throughout the passageways.

Hundreds of relatives of the ill-fated miners took up their watch at the portals soon after the news of the disaster spread about the camp. Guards have entirely fenced the area necessary for work of rescuers.

It is almost impossible, mine officials admitted this afternoon, that anyone could live in the tunnels, that gases which would cause almost instant death was still pouring out of the entrance and, every air vent closed there was no chance for the entombed men to barricade themselves from the fatal air vapor.

Women Were Excluded

Women were entirely excluded from attendance on the Olympic games in ancient Greece and were not even allowed to cross the Alps while the games were going on.

Bright Colors Favored

Experiment to determine just why women wear bright colors and whether they dress to please themselves or to please men friends are now being conducted at the University of California.