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Wonder when the insurance rate in Whiteville is going to be reduced? It seems that with the installation of running water over the town and a fire department that a little ought to come in the way reduced on rates.

Mr. John A. Livingston shows in his article in the editorial section of the News & Observer last Sunday that the Old North State is fast outdoing the great New York with reference to divorces. We better take to looking before we weep. There are hundreds in our State who would seek divorce were it not for pride and the notoriety of the thing. Possibly the best plan is to make sure before we leap in the matrimonial direction.

If everyone who scoffs at the idea of even mentioning not having a 1925 Fair in Columbus county would put his shoulder to the wheel, then we would have one. It will do no good to say that even suggesting not having a Fair is preposterous, but it will do some good to spend a little time and effort in making that self-same thing possible. It will take time and work on the part of somebody, and people in general like to leave it to the other fellow. In this project, however, lots of people have got to get interested and do their bits.

The Star says "Do your Christmas-shopping early; give the other fellow a chance." One man says he is the other fellow. But everybody can't be the "other fellow", and to do early buying and early mailing will greatly help clerks in the stores and postoffices to enjoy their holiday season if they will not leave every purchase and the mailing of every package until the last moment.

The pessimist says this is going to be "a cold, hard winter for Columbus county." It hasn't been very cold yet—the hottest December in many years. Let's don't predict "hard times" coming in the future. Surely we can't take no thought of the morrow and live as if this were our last day. But we don't want to get particularly gloomy over what "might" happen. We cannot deny the fact that we have had a poor crop year, but if we take care of what little we do have, nobody in Columbus county is going to be in very dire want. "Don't cross the bridge before you get to it."

ZERAN LEWIS MERRIT, M. D.

With the passing from this world to a better of Dr. Zeran Lewis Merritt the people are deprived of a professional man whose service would have been a great help to humanity. Just in the prime of life when he was beginning to make a mark for himself and to help the world in which he lived, he had to answer the call to eternity.

Primarily, Dr. Merritt was during his whole life an ardent lover of his mother, father, brothers and sisters. To him his mother came second to nothing. One of the principles by which he lived was that he must treat all women as he would wish his own sister treated. While in college "Z", for that was the name by which he was known, was outstanding because of his views upon morality. Not only did he have a code of morals, but he lived up to them.

Peculiarly sad is this death because of the fact that the young man of 26 has just completed his eighth year in college preparatory to becoming a practicing physician. His dreams of license were realized, but his hopes of being of service to mankind as a doctor were cut short. For only two short months did he serve in this capacity.

Dr. Merritt was loved and respected by men who knew him during his eight years of college courses. He was known as a hardworker, a man who had little time for the frivolities of life, but at the same time one who was able to spend sufficient time to make his friends. He was a member of one of the leading medical fraternities at Carolina.

The friends of the Merritt family mourn with them in the loss of their oldest son of whom they had every just reason to be proud. But they can find consolation in the fact that their son lived the life of a man of God and that he has gone to the eternal reward which awaits true men of his type.

Brother physicians in the county showed their high regard and re-

spect for Dr. Merritt by their attendance as a whole at his funeral. They are more fully able to understand the great loss which the county has suffered than is the public in general.

TRINITY OR DUKE UNIVERSITY?

People in all parts of the State are interested just now in whether the officials of Trinity College will change the name of the institution to "Duke University" in order to gain six million dollars of the forty million dollar trust fund now being created by James B. Duke.

There is argument pro and con on this question. The six million would do good which cannot even be imagined in the minds of those most vitally interested in the expansion of Trinity. Possibly the board of trustees will see fit to change the name of Trinity to that which Mr. Duke would have it, but there is going to be a clash with some of the Trinity alumni.

Alumni of the college, to be sure, are interested in the development of their alma mater. They want to see the college, of which they are still a part by virtue of having had their names enrolled upon its books, be the greatest educational institution in the South. It is already regarded as one not far from topping the list. But there is just a little sentiment which the alumni feel just now. It hurts them to know that the college which they have attended and loved is no longer known by the name of Trinity, that the old charter no longer exists, and that almost a new order of things has come about. To them all will be so strange. But on the other hand, not from a selfish standpoint, those millions could make possible so much greater things that education and religion would be enhanced in their growth.

If those in authority should decide to change the name, it is not feared that the Dukes will try to dominate. They have never dictated to Trinity College, and as the college's greatest benefactors they have done nothing which would prove them selfish or donating for personal gain. This suggestion of changing the name comes as a great shock to many who have followed the development of the institution, and who have been familiar with what the Duke family has done for it.

It would have been beautiful if Mr. Duke had been willing to leave that part out about "Duke University." Possibly that would commemorate the name of the family, but otherwise could be destined to do little good. That is the only part which is distasteful to anyone, and without that flaw, the money thus coming from the trust fund would have been beyond the fondest dreams of the lovers of Trinity.

But the middle class, according to the Star, should not be prone to criticize. The first and the poorer should be left alone. A great benefactor cannot be condemned. His motive was good, he gave for the purpose of helping humanity, and his offer is narrow in no way whatever. He had a right to make his suggestion of the name's being changed, and if it is not accepted, then Mr. Duke has very likely done his part.

There should be no reason in the world why accepting the money or changing the name should cramp Methodism in North Carolina. The denominational school is founded upon principles which will never fail, and regardless of the name, those principles will ever be the same.

CORRECTIONS

Under the head of "Good English" in the editorial columns of this paper last week was carried an editorial which concluded with twenty sentences which were given for the reader to correct.

In the mind of the writer, there were 19 incorrect sentences for one reason or another, while one is questionable. Number 7 of these sentences is strictly speaking correct, but the latest writers avoid the usage.

Number 7, which reads "He felt too bad to go to church," is grammatically correct. There is no argument against the use of "bad" in a sentence in which "bad" means "sorry" or "unwell" or in "bad spirits." "Bad" is the usual antonym of "well", and most people use it to mean a slight indisposition. Most people would use "sick" to indicate a more serious condition, and would not use it unless they felt "bad" enough to go to bed; most people would feel that "ill" is just a bit strained just as they would feel that "retire" is not so good as "go to bed." Put some English teachers and authorities avoid "bad" and "badly," grammatically used correctly, for the reason that it sounds unusual and hard. "Sick" is possibly preferable, but either is correct. The other nineteen sentences are

here corrected by the writer, and in the writer's opinion there is no need of explanation. They are not gathered from a text book, but are rather "horse-back" opinions which are open for discussion through the paper if needs be.

- 1. He objected to them marrying. C. He objected to their marrying.

- 2. We were anxious to see the game.

- C. We were eager to see the game. 3. If one isn't careful, he will make mistakes.

- C. If one isn't careful, one will make mistakes.

- 4. If each will stand, they will see.

- C. If each will stand, he will see.

- 5. I would like to talk the matter over with him.

- C. I should like to talk the matter over with him.

- 6. John and myself went to the Fair.

- C. John and I went to the Fair.

- 7. (Discussed above)

- 8. That is not the kind of place to put it in.

- C. That is not the kind of place in which to put it.

- 9. Between you and I, the boys had been drinking.

- C. Between you and me, the boys had been drinking.

- 10. If he had gotten out when I yelled, he would be living now.

- C. If he had got out when I yelled, he would be living now.

- 11. I will write you later.

- C. I shall write you later.

- 12. That he is a parasite has been proven lately.

- C. The fact that he is a parasite has been proved lately.

- 13. The crowd became enthused over her dancing.

- C. The crowd became enthusiastic over her dancing.

- 14. Every one of those cigarette smokers are going to an early grave.

- C. Every one of those cigarette smokers is going to an early grave.

- 15. It is not healthy for one to eat very much meat.

- C. It is not healthful for one to eat very much meat.

- 16. When I reached Eastern North Carolina, I found that he wasn't there, but had gone away to chunk a few balls.

- C. When I reached Eastern North Carolina, I found that he wasn't there, but had gone away to throw a few balls.

- 17. He phoned that he had made the varsity team.

- C. He telephoned that he had made the varsity team.

- 18. I think I'd take my medicine if I was in his place.

- C. I think I'd take my medicine if I were in his place.

- 19. The girls that you see over there are from Wilmington.

- C. The girls whom you see over there are from Wilmington.

- 20. It is me that you are talking about, I shall not listen.

- C. If it is I about whom you are talking, I will not listen.

In this last sentence determination is expressed. If it were simple futurity in the first person, "shall" would be used.

GUARDIANS, EXECUTORS' AND ADMINISTRATORS TAKE NOTICE

It is of great importance that you file your reports with me as required by law. Many of you have failed to file such reports with the Clerk and a penalty is provided for such failure. Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

J. L. MEMORY, Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND UNDER MORTGAGE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed made by Fletcher Atkinson and wife Katie Atkinson, to C. H. Smith, dated May 28, 1921, to secure a note of even date therewith in the sum of ninety-seven dollars and interest per annum.

Default having been made in the payment of the same at maturity the undersigned mortgagee will offer for sale and sell at public sale at the courthouse door of Columbus county, N. C., on

December 29, 1924 at 12 o'clock, noon to the highest bidder for cash the following described tracts of land:

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correct internal troubles, stimulate vital organs. Three sizes. All druggists. Insist on the original genuine GOLD MEDAL.

Situated, lying and being in Tatum township, Columbus county and State of North Carolina bounded and described as follows, viz:

First Tract, Beginning at a pine at Spencer Walkers heirs corner, on the northwest side of Cow Branch running up the branch 115 yards, to a stake, thence about west through the field 230 yards, an agreed line to a stake, thence about south 115 yards to a stake, Spencer Walkers heirs' line, thence with that line 230 yards to the beginning, containing 4 1-2 acres more or less. This being the land deeded to Fletcher Atkinson by R. J. Nance and wife on the 25 day of January, 1895, and recorded in Book P.P. of Deeds, Page 147 in Register of deeds office in Columbus county.

Second Tract, Beginning at a stake the 3rd. corner of a nine acre tract surveyed for A. D. Lewis and runs with said Lewis line 5-67, west 10 chains and 50 links to a stake in the back line, then with said line about North 22 degrees, west five chains and 25 links to a stake, thence north 67 degrees, east nine chains and 75 links to a stake, in the old line, then with that line south 32 degrees east five chains and 25 links to the beginning corner, containing 5 1-2 acres. This being the entire interest of Carrie Adkinson in the land deeded by R. J. Nance and wife to Spencer Walker during his lifetime and then to Carrie Adkinson, Lena Lewis and Eva Walters, the above being the share agreed upon by the heirs of Spencer Walker for Carrie Adkinson, but it is understood that it is the entire interest of Carrie Adkinson that is being conveyed in this deed of mortgage.

Third Tract, Lying near the town of Boardman in Columbus county, N. C., and being lots numbers 30, 31, and 32, block number five described and contained in a certain map made by I. B. Mullis, C. E. which map is registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Columbus county, in Book C-2, page 392, reference to which is hereby made for further description.

Said mortgage deed is duly registered in book Q-2, of Mortgages, page 180, etc. Records of Columbus county in the office of Register of Deeds.

This the 26th day of Nov. 1924. C. H. SMITH, Mortgagee. Martin H. Schulken, Attorney for Mortgagee.—out Dec 25.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND UNDER MORTGAGE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed made by McKinley Smith and wife Lena Smith, to J. H. Lane on the 7 day of August, 1921, to secure a note of even date therewith in the sum of \$495.00 and interest from date at the rate of 6 percent per annum. Default having been made in the payment of the same at maturity, the undersigned mortgagee will offer for sale and sell at public sale at the courthouse door of Columbus county, N. C., on

December 29, 1924 at 12 o'clock, noon, to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract of land: Situated, lying and being in Chadbourn township, Columbus county and State of North Carolina and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the north margin of Hollins street 300 feet from the intersection of Wilkes street and runs east with Hollins street 100 feet, to a stake, thence north parallel with Wilks street 150 feet, thence west parallel with Hollins street 100 feet, to a stake, thence south parallel with Wilks Street 150 feet to the beginning and being lots Nos. 9 and 10, of Block No. 2, of Perry and Chappins sub-division of Lots Nos. 262 and 263, of the Sunny South Colony tract in the town of Chadbourn, North Carolina.

Said mortgage deed duly registered in Book S-2, of Mortgages, page 42, et sec. Records of Columbus county in the office of Register of Deeds.

This the 26th day of Nov. 1924. J. H. LANE, Mortgagee. Martin H. Schulken, Attorney for Mortgagee.—out Dec 25.

G. Dannenbaum

206 N. Front St. Wilmington, N. C.

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Advertisement for Fuller brushes, including an image of a brush set and text: 'Ideal Christmas Gifts Pleasing—Delightful—Useful—Sensible FULLER BRUSHES in sets Packed in holly boxes They're different from the ordinary gift too. Not only do I show you these Brush Sets but also Fuller Vanity Cases, Dresser Trays and other splendid Fuller Gifts. I am the Fuller Man. Hope to call on you before Christmas But to make sure, why not write or phone me? I'll be glad to come to your home any day or evening. D. I. TOWNSEND WHITEVILLE, N. C.'

Large advertisement for Bank of Whiteville with text: 'NOTICE We regret to announce that on Saturday, December 27th, 1924, we will discontinue our office at the Court House square. We will be glad to serve all our present patrons at our Home Office down town after that date. BANK OF WHITEVILLE'