

SPARTA



SPECTACLES

By Mrs. Ed M. Anderson

Sparta people shivered along with others in this section early this week as the cool wind promised that winter was not so far away. Flower lovers worried about their late blooms, vegetable gardeners brought in their peppers and other vegetables. Most people lamented over the fact that cold weather was coming. But this was not the case with Mrs. Alton Thompson. She welcomed the cool weather gleefully and remarked that she wanted more of it. "I can't stand hot weather and I just love winter," she declared. All this brings us to one conclusion, that it is just as well that we have several seasons, so that everyone can be pleased.

Young Democrats Travel

When the Young Democrats met in Raleigh last week end, two young ones from Alleghany, who travelled down there, were Congressman Robert L. Doughton and Ross Richardson. Congressman Bob is as active as any of them, mentally and physically. To us he is a proof that good habits result in good health.

Health in the Hills!

People visit this section for many things. Rev. J. L. Kirk, of Salisbury, who is recuperating at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James A. Graham, and Mr. Graham, at the State Test Farm, at Transou, says that he came straight there from the hospital, because he knew that he would recover quickly. "The landscape, the beautiful green trees, the hills and in fact everything here is conducive to a speedy recovery," he said.

He had told the other patients in the hospital so much about this section that they wanted to come along too. In addition to the climate and scenery, we imagine that he wanted to see the Grahams and daughter, Alice Kirk!

An Apple A Day

While enroute to West Jefferson we stopped at the State Test Farm to see the Delicious Red apples. Not only did they look well, but tasted better. Many of them are perfect specimens too, totally free from slight scabs or any other blemishes. This is a compliment to Dr. M. E. Gardner, State College Horticulturist. And the old adage "like father like son," might also be applied, for Dr. Gardner's son, Chuck Gardner, State College senior, has had the orchard under his special care this summer.

Defeated Army Worms!

James A. Graham, superintendent of the farm, told us about putting an end to the army worms that attacked the alfalfa there last week and had Bruce Shepherd and others worried for a while. Incidentally, this is a rarity in this section and is sort of a fifth columnist, so to speak, that sneaked up on them and did considerable damage before it was discovered. If you are growing alfalfa, you might check yours to be sure it is not the victim of an underground attack!

New Under Your Coat!

In case you think this is totally a farm column, we'll shift to the feminine side and pass on a suggestion we picked up from Mrs. Stella Miller, Congressman Doughton's secretary. We saw her taking average wire coat hangers and crocheting over them and where they were needed, she added tabs for skirts. Not only did they look much more attractive, but as she explained it, would be easier on clothes and there would be little of the slipping off, one usually has trouble with.

Can You Remember?

We recently received a letter from Virginia Willey Suttle, 908 Tecoma Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee, seeking information regarding her relatives. She asks those having any knowledge of them to write her and gives the following data on her parents:

"My father, Calvin Jones Willey, enlisted in the southern Army, May 27, 1861, at what was called Gap Creek. He was wounded twice, taken prisoner three times and escaped. He left the army at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, in 1865. He married Miss Catherine Jane Richardson, May 27, 1865. I believe my parents went West immediately afterwards, to Kansas and then to Colorado. My mother was born in Ashe county, North Carolina and my father in Alleghany county, the same year,

The Everyday Counselor

Rev. Herbert Spaugh, D. D.

Here's another good book for newlyweds—"This Love of Ours" by Leslie R. Smith (Abingdon-Cokesbury \$1). While written primarily for those about to be married and newlyweds, it could profitably be read by every married couple. It takes its place

1841."

Mrs. Suttle says that if she can receive information as to any near relatives, she will drive up to this section to see them. She also points out that she will appreciate any information regarding her family connections that might be sent her.

with the growing literature of small, compact, readable and understandable handbooks on marriage.

Such books are appearing none too soon, as the American home is facing the greatest test of its existence. With one marriage in every three now ending in the divorce court, it is evident that there is something seriously wrong with our understanding of marriage.

Much of this domestic unrest comes from sheer ignorance of the meaning of marriage. A young man and a young woman after a more or less brief period

of courtship, secure a license and are married. Very few of them receive any pre-marriage instruction. They expect two lives which have grown to maturity in entirely different surroundings to suddenly adjust themselves to one another so that they may "live happily ever after." They try to rear a home without any drawings and blueprints. No wonder so many of them are falling apart. We don't build houses that way.

"This Love of Ours" offers a readable and understandable blueprint of marriage. The 24 short chapters, each reinforced and colored with well-chosen poetry and quotations, offer helpful reading, factually presented with such good taste that it could scarcely be criticized even by the most sensitive.

These chapter headings indicate the content and movement throughout the book:

- "Revel In Your Happiness—Expect Your Love to Grow—Express Your Gratitude—Continue Courting—Balance Your Lives With Humor—Accept Your In-Laws—Master Money

- Practice Moderation—Sanctify Sex—Play Together—Take Vacations from Each Other—Stifle Quarrels—Destroy Weeds With Willows—Do Your Part—Share All Things—Be Considerate—Respect Privacy—Trust Each Other—Recognize the Divine—Seek God Together—Worship in Your Home—Make Home a Haven—Welcome Junior—Grow Old Gracefully."

This little book will make an ideal, inexpensive wedding gift from some member of the family circle or close friend. I'm glad to give it hearty recommendation to the readers of THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR column.

The publication date of "This Love of Ours," was August 25. It can be secured or ordered through your local bookstore.

A list of other recommended books on marriage, the Christian home, sex-instruction for children and teaching the Christian religion in the home can be secured by writing THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR in care of this newspaper, enclosing a long self-addressed stamped envelope. The "Home Series" of THE EY-

Do You Know?

By CARRIE H. JONES Librarian

Do you know that the term Pea-jacket was first used by the Dutch in 1723, and meant a coarse wollen coat.

—That a giraff does not have true horns, what appears to be horns are merely soft tufts of skin and fat.

—That the term "stealing coppers from a dead man's eyes," originated in England. It is said that a doctor laid silver half-dollars on Lincoln's eyelids.

—That porcupines do not shoot their quills, but they are so loosely attached to the body that they come out when in contact with another object.

—That Bruno Richard Hauptmann was arrested for the Lindbergh kidnap-slaying on September 20, 1934.

—That the Empire State EVERYDAY COUNSELOR reprints can be had also, by enclosing 10c to cover handling costs.

building is 1,350 feet high and has 102 stories.
—That Emily Post says a bore "is a person who insists on telling you something you don't want to hear."

—That the Ku-Klux-Klan Society was founded in Pulaski, Tenn., in 1865, but was not active until after the war between the North and South.

—That the eyes of an elephant are small and their sight poor, but the hearing is very acute.

—What are the seven wonders of the modern world? Come to your county library and find the answer for yourself in reference collection.

'S FUNNY



How Folks Store Stuff In An Attic When They Can Cash In With A WANT AD

You Can't Wipe off this Grin

A boy and his dog are a typical American tradition. And that big grin belongs in the picture, too. It is the same wide smile that carried "grown-up" American boys to victory in World War II. It is the same grin you'll see on American football fields this fall. You can't wipe it off!

A smile comes easily to the boys and girls of this country. Theirs is a precious heritage of living in a land of freedom. Theirs is the great privilege of attending the free public schools, where they are grounded in the principles of the American system of Democracy.

All over America this month the children have been trooping back to the public schools. The Norfolk and Western Railway is proud that it helps to pay for the operation of these schools and the education of our boys and girls.

A great portion of the millions of dollars paid annually in taxes by the N. & W. goes directly to state and local governments for support of public schools in the territory served by the railway. In many communities along the line, the Norfolk and Western is the largest single taxpayer, and the largest single contributor to the free public school system.

It's nothing for us to brag about . . . because it's just another part of the American scene. It belongs in the picture.

While school bells ring this year, and the kids go trooping by on their way to the classrooms and playgrounds—remember their priceless heritage, and work unceasingly to preserve it . . . so their young faces will always be lighted with smiles.

Never drive your car past a school bus that is loading or unloading children. Slow down to the lawful speed in school zones. Observe strictly your local and state traffic laws. Watch out for the school children.

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