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BILL NYE MEMORIAL DAY.

Supt. Joyner Makes Appeal to the Teachers and Children of the State.

The following letter from State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner is in reference to a worthy cause:

To the County Superintendents and the Public School Teachers: The Public Press of North Carolina has always responded generously and unselfishly to every call of the public schools for service, and no agency has been more potent in promoting the development of these schools and the progress of education in the State. The county Superintendents and the public school teachers now have an opportunity to express their appreciation of this service, and to render at the same time a valuable service to a most worthy cause by co-operating heartily with the "Bill Nye Memorial Committee" in their commendable effort to raise funds for the erection of a central or main building at the "Stonewall Jackson Manual Training School" to be known as the "Bill Nye Memorial Building."

The Committee has prepared an interesting program for the celebration of Bill Nye Day in the public schools. An hour devoted to honoring the memory of such a man, who loved all children and all men, who devoted his splendid talents to making them happier and better through his writings, will be properly and profitably spent. I earnestly request and urge the county superintendents of each county to distribute these programs to the public school teachers of the county, accompanied by a letter to each teacher, directing the setting apart of an hour in the school for this celebration, and urging the hearty cooperation of the teachers for the success of the celebration.

The noble work of the Stonewall Jackson Training School for giving wayward boys of the State a chance to have a chance to be trained into good citizens should appeal strongly to the hearts of the children of the public schools, who but for the mercy of God might be like these wayward boys. It is a privilege, therefore, for these children to have an opportunity to make a contribution to such a work. It will do them good. I earnestly urge, therefore, that county Superintendents and teachers lend their hearty co-operation in securing at least a penny contribution from ever child in the public schools for the erection of the Bill Nye Memorial Building for increasing the facilities at the State's school for training wayward boys.

I designate Wednesday, the 22nd day of February, for this celebration. I suggest that the teacher devote an hour on this day to reading to the pupils this booklet and to arousing an enthusiastic interest in Bill Nye and his work and in the work of Stonewall Jackson Training School, concluding the exercises with an interest appeal for a contribution of at least one penny from every child to be brought next morning.

All contributions should be forwarded by the teacher or the principal of the school to Mr. R. W. Vincent, Secretary of the Bill Nye Memorial Committee, Charlotte, N. C., and they will be acknowledged in the columns of the Charlotte Observer.

Very truly yours,
J. Y. JOYNER,
Supt. Public Instruction.

Preserving Wild Life.

It has been our observation that those who have most strenuously and persistently opposed all organizations for the preservation of wild life have been those who desire to shoot and slaughter at will and without restraint. They call themselves sportsmen. Some of them are, in a sense, and they want to govern themselves. Others are pot hunters who care nothing for law.

Societies have been organized for the purpose of protecting the game animals and game fishes, the song and insectivorous and other innocent birds from wanton slaughter. The prime object is stated to be to enforce laws where they exist, and to secure and enforce such laws where not now in existence. From time to time particular attention has been called to the slaughter of game and other animals and birds through the medium of the automatic or machine gun. In various ways it has been sought to arouse public sentiment to a state of appreciation of the value of protecting game and birds. Some progress has been made. In spite of all that has been done the wanton slaughter and destruction has continued; and it is claimed that the wild animals and birds are being rapidly swept away, and that several important species are totally extinct and others on the verge of extermination. In the work of preserving wild animals and game the aid of the people of the state is sought. Whether there should be a strong law to prevent a continuation of cowardly slaughter, whether under the name of sport or otherwise, does not admit of two opinions. Whether it is possible to secure the enactment of a preventive law, and having procured it, secure its enforcement, is another matter. A stringent law should be passed, even if it goes to the extent of prohibiting absolutely the shooting of any wild game or birds for a period of two or more years, and put it up to the officers and all law abiding citizens to see to its enforcement.
—Daily News Greensboro.

The Farmer Is a "Business Man."

That the farmer has not kept pace with the men in other lines, in the use of system and in the planning of definite results is unquestionably true, but is equally true that the successful farmer of the future must adopt more of the modern business methods used by successful men in other lines of work.

The farmer is a producer and a seller of farm products. The merchant and many others who are called "business men," are chiefly concerned in the selling of goods; but the farmer is a business man in the fullest sense of the term because he is both producer and seller. That he is not generally so regarded is entirely due to the fact that he has not kept up with and used the business methods generally proved to be necessary in other business operations.—Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer.

Life Saved at Death's Door.

"I never felt so near my grave," writes W. R. Patterson, of Wellington, Tex., as when a frightful cough and lung trouble pulled me down to 100 pounds, in spite of doctor's treatment for two years. My father, mother and two sisters died of consumption, and that I am alive today is due solely to Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. Now I weigh 187 pounds and have been well and strong for years." Quick, safe, sure, it's the best remedy on earth for coughs, colds, laryngitis, asthma, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Rich Square Drug Co., T. H. Nicholson of Murfreesboro.

CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Prevention of Death the First Duty of the Enlightened Citizen—How You Can Help Prevent Death.

By Dr. W. S. Rankin.

The essential difference between the citizen and the savage is the expression in his daily routine by the former of the principle, "No man liveth unto himself." This biblical axiom is the basis of civilization, because it expresses a relation that law defines and controls. It naturally follows that the clearer our mental perception, the more distinctly will we recognize the many and subtle bonds that unite our fortunes or our fates into a web of weal or woe. Knowledge gives acuteness of mental vision, and, therefore, it is knowledge that opens the gates of a higher civilization and gives to him who desires the opportunity to become a better citizen.

The relation of one man's property to another's is easily recognized, and is firmly established upon universally accepted principles of civil law. The relation of one man's life to another's has only within the last half century been established upon principles of natural law. But, as yet, the knowledge of these natural laws has not been widely enough disseminated to produce sufficient public sentiment to weld them into our statutes.

Man's greatest civic obligation is to the public health. This sounds like the exaggeration of an enthusiast. Nevertheless, it rests upon those primary and fundamental principles of law, the decalogue, that for over four thousand years have been the basis of civilization. Write in tablets of stone by the Supreme Judge Himself, these legal principles are so comprehensive as to embrace man's every possible relation: His relation to the Court of Heaven; his relation to the court of the home, and his relation to the court of man. But note, and note carefully, that the first of the five rules governing man's relation to man is the law protecting life. First, not by haphazard, but first by Omnicist design, because it is just as fundamental to the last four of these five laws as life is fundamental to chastity, property, reputation, and neighborly comfort. Note further, that "Thou shalt not kill" carries no provision limiting its application to the 5,000 deaths occurring annually in the United States through willful acts of commission, murder, and excluding the 500,000 deaths from preventable disease annually occurring in our country by an act of passive omission. Every citizen who does not take a serious interest in the public health of his or her community is a partisan to this criminal destruction of life.

And now we reach the important question, namely, how can you help prevent disease and death? You can do this by, first, giving careful attention to the morning "health talk," through which you will be convinced of the importance of the subject; and, second, by learning through these health talks of the simple methods of preventing the common diseases. You may be able to save your own life, as well as the lives of others.

(NOTE—The above is the first of a series of fifteen "Morning Talks" prepared by Dr. W. S. Rankin, Secretary State Board of Health for use in the public schools and approved by the State Superintendent.—Ed.)

Try Tile Drainage on The Garden

For the truck farmer or gardener, underdrainage is a necessity. This is true almost without exception, regardless of the location or character of the soil. There is a heavy rainfall in the South and the excess of water must be assisted to escape quickly through the soil to the underdrains instead of running off over the surface. Wherever artificial surface drainage is necessary, the drainage is required for the best results in truck farming. Even the fine sandy lands of the coastal plain—the highest of them—need under-drainage for the best results in growing truck.

The late Dr. Porter, of North Carolina, who was known as a most successful trucker and the first to ship strawberries from the State nearly every year, did not hesitate to attribute his early and large crops largely to the effects of under-drainage. The writer heard him declare that in his opinion every acre of the coastal plain country, even the highest of it, that was used for growing garden or truck crops, should be under-drained.

The trucker needs tile drainage not only because it aids in carrying off the excess of water, causing less loss of plant food than when it goes off over the surface, causes his soil to warm up earlier in the spring and enables him to work earlier in the spring and sooner after rains; but also because it enables the soil to supply more moisture to the growing crops in times of drouth.

If tile drainage is essential and profitable to the market gardener and truck farmer, it is equally important to the farm garden. Try under-draining the home or farm garden; it will not cost very much, and will certainly pay in the earlier, larger and better products. There is no proof like our own observation and experience, and if those who are thinking of trying some tile drainage, but are still a little doubtful, will make a test on the home garden, the experiment to them, which is really no experiment for the facts are established. The tile drainage of the fields as fast as practicable.—Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer.

Gumberry Letter.

Misses Annie and Helen Futrell attended the Teachers' meeting in Jackson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tucker left Sunday for Norfolk where they will visit relatives.

Mr. J. F. Pennewell expects to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons, in Richmond Va., this week.

Mr. Walter Rose left last Wednesday for Asheville, N. C., which place he expects to make his home.

Misses Mary Taylor and Eva Johnson spent Monday in Weldon.

Messrs. J. P. Grant and Geo. Steele of Jackson were in town a short while Sunday.

The young people of the community are getting up a play entitled, "For Love or Money" which they hope to present soon.

Miss Mary Lucy Massey, of Pleasant Hill who has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Kee, returned to her home Sunday.

Several from this community attended services at Pleasant Grove Sunday afternoon.

We understand that there will be two marriages in the community this week.

NORTHAMPTON TEACHERS.

Most Interesting Session at Jackson. —Practical Subjects Discussed —Next Meeting at Rich Square.

The Northampton Teachers' Association met in the Court House at Jackson Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 10:30 A. M. County Supt. P. J. Long called the meeting to order.

On calling the roll of the 74 teachers of the county the following answered to their names: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ware, Misses Mary Britton, L. Maud Harris, Katherine Boone, Mary Spivey, Harriet Bowen, Beulah Hall, Rosa Howell, Ella Johnson, Lillie Mann, Nora Benthall, Helen Futrell, Annie Futrell, Verlie Wick, Mina Holloman, Lake McNairy, Clyde Stancill, Nellie Spivey, Ellen Bryant, Hannah J. Starr, Virginia Stanton, Betty Leary, Emma Taylor, Selma Ross, Mrs. Ruth Draper Boone, and Messrs. W. F. Hart, B. H. Johnson, H. J. Massey, F. M. Williamson, R. E. Brickhouse, E. C. Ruffin, E. J. Woodall, David H. Brown, C. E. Nelson.

After singing "America," Rev. W. B. North, D. D., read the first Psalm and offered prayer, after which he made a few remarks calling the attention of the teachers to their great responsibility, for next to the parents and church they are responsible for the training of the young for citizenship. When this duty is well performed they deserve a bright star in their crown.

As the President, Mr. W. J. Beale, and the Secretary, Miss Margaret Brown, were not present the Vice President, Miss Mina Holloman, and the assistant Secretary, Miss Mary Spivey, were called upon to fill their respective offices.

"Difficulties in Gradation and Classification" were discussed by F. M. Williamson, of Conway High School, E. C. Ruffin, of Rich Square High School, and Miss Hannah Starr, of Onea High School and Supt. P. J. Long. Mr. Williamson emphasized the necessity of prompt attendance; Miss Starr and Mr. Ruffin took the ground that a pupil should not be held back for all the books that are required in each grade when prepared and anxious to advance in some of his studies.

An excellent paper on "Teaching the Classics" in the elementary grades was read by Miss Clyde Stancill of Rich Square High School. This was enthusiastically applauded and by unanimous vote ordered sent to North Carolina Education for publication. Mr. Ware was then asked to tell us how to keep up interest in public school. He thought little entertainments every Friday afternoon one good way thereby training the boys and girls in debate and declamations. Mr. Massey also spoke encouragingly of this plan.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After lunch the exercises were continued. Dr. Mahlon Bolton of Rich Square made a most excellent address, laying special stress upon the importance of sanitary conditions and looking after the health of the pupils.

Some excellent points were given about making and keeping correct reports.

The association adjourned to meet at Rich Square March 17th.
HELEN B. GRANT.