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The Good Citizen's Catechism.

Q. What was formally the definition of a good citizen?

A. One who keeps out of jail and votes "right."

Q. Why is that no longer a satisfactory definition?

A. Because "good citizens" of that negative type made bad cities and towns.

Q. What are bad cities?

A. Cities that are run by selfish politicians or graftars, and are therefore dirty, ugly, wasteful.

Q. What are good cities?

A. Cities that are run by public-spirited officials for the good of the citizens, and are therefore clean, beautiful, economical.

Q. Why cannot we have more good cities?

A. Because we have so few good citizens.

Q. What is a good citizen?

A. One who not only desires to serve his city, but has a thorough knowledge of its needs and of the means of supplying them as shown by the experience of other cities.

Q. Why is this knowledge equally necessary for the citizen who does or does not hold any office?

A. Because without it he cannot know whether the city's affairs are being properly administered.

Q. Do city officials regard a knowledge of city affairs by citizens as desirable?

A. Good officials do; bad ones do not.

Q. Why do bad officials consider such knowledge objectionable?

A. Because civic ignorance is the source of their power and wealth.

Q. Why do good officials consider such knowledge desirable?

A. Because they feel the need of the co-operation and support that can only be given by an intelligent citizenship.

Q. Have I the desire to be better informed as to municipal improvement and civic betterment work?

A.

Q. Have I enough civic knowledge to enable me to check unintelligent officials and undesirable civic plans and to support good ones?

A.

Q. Am I keeping in touch with what other cities and towns are doing to make their respective communities more beautiful more healthful and more convenient places to live?

A.

At our recent National Convention, which was held in Milwaukee, the term citizen was used a number of times as though it could refer only to women who have been enfranchised. Webster's dictionary defines a citizen in these words: "A person, native or naturalized of either sex, who owes allegiance to government and is entitled to reciprocal protection from it." Our national constitutional says, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States are citizens thereof." Women are persons, therefore citizens, whether or not they are voters.

Freedom Hill and Antioch.

There will be preaching next Saturday night, Dec. 16th, at 7:30, and Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, at Freedom Hill Wesleyan Methodist Church. All in this neighborhood are invited to attend.

There will be meeting at Antioch Wesleyan Church Sunday evening at 8, and night at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. G. R. Mines and wife, Conference Evangelists of the Wesleyan Church of this state, have charge of these two churches and both will be in attendance at these meetings, and good services are expected.

"Eyes That See Not."

Years years ago when our first parents lived in the Garden of Eden, they were allowed the privilege of enjoying everything in that earthly paradise, with one exception. In the midst of the garden stood a tree of which God had said, "Ye shall not eat." The daily task was to keep the garden. Delightful occupation! Here is a tree whose gorgeous flowers and dark green leaves are surpassed by the coloring of its rosy cheeked or golden fruit. There are flowers, more rare than any hot-house plant, growing in wonderful luxuriance. The deep crimson of one variety set off by the snowy whiteness of another. Vines creeping climbing everywhere, beautiful arbors, shady nooks. Fountains sparkling and singing in the sunshine and the rivers running on with a peaceful murmur. Surely here is peace and contentment. No; surrounded by all this there was something lacking. This tree of which God had said, "Ye shall not eat," troubled them, and the desire to taste its fruit finally overcame them, and they lost all.

We of today are very much as they were in those days. There is something above and beyond which we so long for we forget the blessings around us.

Mother Nature has bestowed her grandest productions upon the productions upon the poor, but with "eyes that see not" they pine among scenes which artists can never paint. Who can imitate the magnificent coloring of a sunrise or sunset or the silver border of a cloud? or the varying expressions of the faces around us? Yet we do not prize these until they are beyond our sight and past recall.

Our many blessings lie forgotten around us. Many a glance of love is not seen by us because we are looking beyond the giver to another; many an humble heart is starving for our love while we are foolishly longing for the love of some one whose neither desires or needs ours. Oh, if we would only stop in the mad race after things above our grasp, we would find that all around us lie the things we have been searching for.

He that hath eyes to see, let him see."

Ruby Everon.

Robinson-Whitsell.

A marriage, the secrecy of which was romantic, occurred in our town last Sunday evening when the contracting parties Mr. Joe Robinson and Miss Mattie Whitsell were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by Esq. J. R. Hall at his residence. The bride and groom had planned to have a minister tie the knot and drove to the Reform parsonage but finding Rev. Andrew not at home, took no chances. Mr. Robinson is a prominent man of the county with hosts of friends. While the bride is the charming daughter of Mr. J. C. Whitsell a prominent farmer of Burlington No. 4, and is the sister of our townsman Mr. C. D. Whitsell.

We join their many friends in extending congratulations and wish for them a happy life.

Death of Mrs. Skeens.

Mattie Lee Skeens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Skeens was born June 2nd 1885 and died Dec. 9th 1911 in the home of her brother at Glencoe Mills, aged 26 years, 6 months, 7 days.

At the age of 15 years she professed faith in Christ and united with the M. E. Church, remaining faithful until death called her away. Her funeral was conducted in Bethlehem Christian Church at Altamahaw on Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. D. Andrew and her remains were laid to rest in the graveyard there beside the body of her brother Ed who died some years ago.

The McNamaras trial at California has ended. One was sentenced to fifteen years and the other for life imprisonment. It will be remembered they were being tried for blowing up a building and killing twenty-three people.

GREAT VOTING CONTEST!

The State Dispatch Publishing Co. has decided to put on one of the greatest voting contests ever held in the County or this section of the state. In our first issue in 1912, which will be January 3rd, a complete list of the premiums together with rules which will govern the contest will be published. At present all care is being taken by the management of the paper to get nothing but first-class premiums and to inaugurate rules which will give a fair deal to every contestant. All this will have been perfected by the first of the year and the contest will move off with a vim. Watch for the list of premiums. Nothing so equal them ever been offered in a voting contest in Alamance County.

WHO WILL BE NEXT?

Quite a number of our subscribers have sent in their subscription since our gentle reminder; but a far greater number have not. Keep the good work going and let the dollars come, because we need them all. Don't forget, please.

Improved Street Car Service.

Beginning today, December 12th, the Piedmont Railway & Electric Company put into effect new and improved schedule on all its lines.

This new schedule gives a thirty (30) minute service between Burlington, Graham and Haw River instead of forty (40) minute. All cars go through. The local car heretofore running between Plaid Mill and Gilmer Street in Burlington is discontinued. Cars from Burlington go through to Court House at Graham without change. Passengers to and from Haw River will transfer at Harden Junction as heretofore. Haw River cars connect with all cars at Junction. From 7 A. M. to 5:30 P. M. cars for Graham and Haw River leave Plaid Mill (Burlington) on the Hour and Half Hour and leave Main Street Five Minutes past the Hour and Half Hour. After 5:30 P. M., car every forty minutes.

From 7:45 A. M. to 6:15 P. M., cars leave Graham for Burlington and Haw every thirty (30) minutes on the Hour and Half Hour. After 6:15 P. M., car every forty (40) minutes. Last car leaving Burlington, Graham and Haw River for either of the other towns is ten (10) P. M.

Below is a condensed schedule: Cars leave Plaid Mill for Graham and Haw River: 7:00 A. M. and then every 1-2 hour, on the hour and half past the hour until 5:30 P. M. and then as follows:

6:15 P. M.
7:00 " "
7:40 " "
8:20 " "
9:00 " "
10:00 " "

Leave Graham for Burlington and Haw River:

7:00 A. M.
7:45 A. M. and every 1-2 hour and every 1-2 hour on the quarter hours until 6:15 P. M. and then as follows:

7:00 P. M.
7:40 " "
8:20 " "
9:00 " "
10:00 " "

Leave Haw River for Burlington and Graham:

7:00 A. M.
7:45 A. M. and then every 1-2 hour on the quarter hours until 6:15 P. M. then:

7:00 P. M.
7:40 " "
8:20 " "
9:00 " "
10:00 " "

In Effect December 12th 6:00 A. M.

The musical given by Prof. E. Seton Blyth at the church of The Holy Comforter last Thursday night was enjoyed by all who heard it.

FEDERAL COURT SENTENCES

All of the jury cases in United States court were concluded yesterday afternoon and is probable that the prisoners sentenced yesterday and during the term will be carried to Atlanta today.

The most important case of yesterday was that against Dock Bass and Ernest King, two young white men of Burlington, who were charged with stealing a mail sack in September. The sack was thrown from train No. 112 and was removed before the mail carrier went to receive it. The Bass and King boys were later found at the spot where the bag was recovered, their attitude being one of searching for something. The theory of the government was that they removed the bag to this point and later went back to get it and the jury held with this theory, returning a verdict of guilty after a short absence. Judge Boyd announced that he would pass sentence today.

Sentence of 15 and 12 months were yesterday passed against Dock Bass and Ernest King, white boys of Burlington, who late Friday evening were convicted in United States court of stealing a mail pouch at Burlington. The longer term was given Bass, a 20-year-old boy, while King, a lad of 17 years, was given the minimum, one year and a day. Had King been a year younger he would have gone to the reformatory, and in sentencing him to the federal prison Judge Boyd expressed regret in having no other alternative than to consign a youth of his years and appearance to such a place.

The two boys, both of whom were of good appearance, were described to the court by their counsel as reckless, yet hardly in the class of the incorrigible. They have trained about Burlington with a rather shiftless lot, the kind that can be found in most any town, and previous to the present indictment had never done anything serious, though had been in a number of escapades of the kind that usually have their ending as this did. One night last September the boys stole a mail pouch that was thrown from train No. 112. They secreted it under a box car and were later caught redhanded when attempting to remove it.

Warren-Aldridge.

The home of Mrs. R. G. Aldridge of Burlington, R. F. D. No. 5 was the scene of a pretty home wedding last Wednesday evening at two o'clock when her daughter Miss Bettie Aldridge and Mr. R. L. Warren of Prospect Hill were bound together in the holy bonds of wedlock by the officiating minister, Elder O. J. Denny. The parlor was beautifully decorated with ferns and potted plants and presented a very inviting appearance to the friends who had assembled to see the solemn vows administered. Among those who were present was our distinguished townsman Mr. D. S. Hall and wife who is the Rural Carrier on that route.

Among the large number of presents were silver ware, linen and glass ware in abundance.

Mr. Warren is a prominent farmer of Prospect Hill and has married one of the fairest and best girls of R. F. D. 5.

The State Dispatch joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

Machinery Being Installed.

The new building erected by The Holt Engine Co. for the manufacture of the Holt Rotary Engine is nearing completion and the machinery being installed, in connection with the manufacture of the Holt Engine, a general repair shop is being installed, and it is hoped by first of the year to be ready to do business. If the present plans are carried out this shop will be one of the best equipped in this section of the state, and the Holt Engine Co. will do business. The managers and officers of this company are hustlers who do things with a vim beginning with a big V.

An Important Lecture.

Friday night was the time and the Baptist Church the place scheduled for Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll of Raleigh to address a mass meeting of citizens on the subject of Municipal Sanitation. The subject is a broad one and of as much importance as broad, as it was masterly explained by the speaker of the evening. The lecture drew a vivid picture of how times have changed from the times of our forefathers and how sanitary conditions have necessarily improved. To illustrate the public drinking cup which once was considered very convenient is being substituted by, private, which causes the spread of disease much lessened. The meat question as pictured by the speaker should be duly considered, as it is actually a fact much of the meat we buy is that of diseased cattle which would not pass the inspection of large packing houses.

Our Graded School was hinted at and the suggestion thrown out that the ventilation and the places from which the children drink be inspected. The proper cleanliness of the stalks was mentioned, as was keeping the vexing and annoying banana peels off the sidewalks. The entire lecture was full of useful suggestions and as stated by Rev. S. L. Morgan, chairman of the evening, it was fortunate for so large a crowd, little more than half the space of the church being occupied, to hear this lecture but the only regret was that more were not present. As stated by the chairman those present were some of the best citizens of our town who have the best interests of the town at heart.

Following the address Rev. J. B. Gibble was called to act as temporary chairman and Rev. J. D. Andrew as temporary secretary, nominating a committee of Messdames J. Q. Gant, J. L. Scott, S. L. Morgan, Dr. W. D. Moser and Mayor Freehand were named by a committee composed of Col. Eugene Holt, Mayor Freehand, Messdames Gant, Boyd and Morgan who were appointed by the chair to name a nominating committee and report, which will be decided upon a meeting to be held at the Christian church Thursday night, December 14th, at which time it is hoped to have the entire house packed with citizens who have Burlington and her future welfare at heart. Everybody is cordially invited and urged to attend.

After a rising vote of thanks of appreciation to the speaker of the evening the meeting adjourned.

Franklin Literary Society Entertains.

The annual reception of the Franklin Literary Society was given under the auspices of the society Friday night in the school auditorium. Each member of the society was given the liberty to invite some friend. The society has forty members with Mr. Dover Heritage as President, Mr. Geo. Sharpe Sec. and Treas., and Mr. Walter Story reporter. In connection with the members about thirty-five friends were present making a total number of seventy-five. Those who received at the door were Misses Annie Morgan Faucette and Flora Garret, Messrs. Paul Morgan and Claud Holt. The thirteenth quenching punch bowl was presided over by Miss Ella Rea Carroll in a very graceful manner. Refreshments consisting of ices etc. were served. Games were played, and a book contest held in which Miss Ella Rea Carroll won the prize a beautiful book "Snow Bound." The booby went to Russel Coble, a tin horn.

The auditorium was beautifully decorated with flowers, crepe paper the society colors black and gold being carried out. The entire entertainment was very lively and much enjoyed by members and friends.

Miss Lillian Mebane spent Sunday the guest of Miss Georgia Garrison at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Garrison on R. F. D. No. 2.

Elon College, N. C., Dec. 1, '11
Dr. Rosenstein,
Durham, N. C.
Dear Dr.:—
I have rec'd my glasses all O. K. and can see so much better with the glasses. I do not have the headache as bad now as I did before.
Thanking you for all you have done for me.
Sincerely,
(Miss) Fannie Paschall.