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## BEAUTIFYING THE RURAL SCHOOLS

How the Country School House and Grounds May Be Made Attractive With But Little Outlay.

The improvement and beautifying of school houses and grounds represent the line of cleavage between the commercialism of the past and the refinement of the future. It is no longer said that the school bench, unceiled school house, the bare walls and all the primitive furnishings of even 30 years ago are good enough for the child of to-day. Few men are so narrow now as to say, "what was good enough for me, is good enough for my child." As the struggle to rise in the world becomes keener, the parent recognizes that the child must have better facilities. It has now become publicly acknowledged that beauty and sentiment have a real value in the development of mankind and should have an important place in education. The revolt against the narrow and stern limitations of all the enjoyment of the beautiful is amply illustrated in the passionate joy with which the people of England welcomed Charles II. The reaction, alas, exceeded the repression.

## PUPILS CATCH THE SPIRIT OF REFINED SURROUNDINGS.

Where the school buildings have been transformed from bare, bleak houses into convenient modern buildings, with clean and beautiful interiors, a psychological effect has been noticed in the pupils. Once a little boy going from a poor home, improved so much in manners that his mother, becoming curious as to how the change had been brought about, said, "Willie, does your teacher teach you nice manners, does she give you little lectures on manners?" The little fellow was puzzled for a moment, then said: "No, Miss A. never says a word about manners. She just walks around in our pretty room and we all feel polite." Under the more refining influence the character of the pupils is changed and an effort in general neatness and tidiness has invariably been the result. Not only does this beautifying and decorating schools effect the children, but through them the parents. The first step toward improvement is to get the patrons interested and to secure their co-operation in the plans which you may have. In order to arouse this interest they must come to the school house and see the needs. It is human nature to be interested in that which costs us time, effort or money. The patrons and pupils must aid in this improvement. If the patron has helped in any way, the interest will be in proportion to the aid given. Our school is much nearer than the school.

## HOW TO KEEP THE INTERIOR OF THE SCHOOL HOUSE.

The taste and ideals of a man are almost entirely determined by the environments of early youth. His sense of cleanliness and refinement is formed, if not practiced, when a boy. This being the case, the school building should embody as far as possible all the refining influences; it should have an atmosphere of culture. Every school house should be cleaned of all rubbish and kept immaculate.

These are a few suggestions for the interior. Secure if possible a table, even if it is an old one, several chairs, secure the community for all magazines and get some public-spirited man to take the daily paper for the school.

## EXTEMPORIZING A LIBRARY AND A MUSEUM.

Place this table near your library and then you have the beginning of a reading room, and if

you can inculcate a love of good books in a pupil, his further education is only a matter of time. As these magazines, books, etc., accumulate keep them for further reference. Some boards which, sawed to the proper length, can be made into shelves and covered with some pretty flowered paper will make an attractive, as well as useful, magazine stand. Another set of these shelves may be used as an embryo museum. Encourage the pupils to bring minerals, rocks, etc.

A stand filled with hardy plants and flowering bulbs also adds greatly to the attractiveness of the room.

A foreign corner is a great aid in teaching the pupils geography, and as it must be frequently changed, add something new and interesting to the furnishings. For instance, a few Japanese lanterns, an umbrella, some prints, add interest to the teacher's stories of Japan.

## REGARDING THE GROUNDS.

If the school is situated in a grove of trees, see that they are pruned and have seats built at their bases. The leaves must not be allowed to cover the lawn. If in the open, plant trees twenty feet from the house, reserving the vacant space for gardens, which you can entrust to each grade. This will arouse much enthusiasm among the grades and the result will be in many cases surprising. While the trees are still young a rustic arbor will afford a grateful shade as well as relieve the bareness. All walks might be outlined with rose bushes and flowers.—Will Lou Gray, in Progressive Farmer.

## A Little Dieting for That "Spring Fever."

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, so the poet says, but it is a prosy fact that in the spring also the thoughts of a good many people turn to tonics, "liver regulators," and "blood purifiers." Adverting to this fact, Dr. W. T. Marris, writing to Hearts and Homes, very sensibly discusses the cause and proper treatment of "spring fever," as follows:

It is on first thought rather queer that people should have the proverbial "tired feeling" in the spring when all nature is putting forth so joyfully.

Here is the reason for it: The cold weather requires more oxygenation (heat) to keep us warm. Our food furnishes us with the fuel for this heat. During the colder weather we partake of meats and other heavy articles of diet in generous quantities to meet the demands of our bodies. As the warm weather approaches our bodies do not require so much fuel, but we continue to shovel it down in the same way. From the excess of food taken arise certain gases and poison products which make us feel dull and lethargic. Then the scarcity of fruits and vegetables in our dietary at this season is a cause for our systems being sluggish, for these things have a special action in ridding the blood of impurities.

No, it's dollars to doughnuts that you do not need a blood tonic. Eat less, drink more water, take a little salts occasionally, and your "spring fever" will subside in a few days.

## BITTEN BY A SPIDER.

Through blood poisoning caused by a spider bite, John Washington, of Bosqueville, Texas, would have lost his leg, which became a mass of running sores, had he not been persuaded to try Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes: "The first application relieved, and four boxes healed all the sores." Heals every sore. 25c. at all druggists.

## OPENING OF THE EXPOSITION.

Artillery Will Fire a Salute of 300 Guns At Sun Rise Thursday Morning—Program Of Events.

The ceremonies incident to the formal opening of the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition on April 26, will be under the direction of Mr. G. T. Sheppard, Secretary of the Jamestown Exposition Company, assisted by Lieutenant P. H. Bagby, 6th United States Infantry, Military Attache to the department of the Secretary.

At sunrise on April 26, the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues, stationed at the Exposition grounds, will fire a salute of three hundred guns to usher in the commencement of the day opening the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the first English settlement in America.

Upon the arrival of President Roosevelt, on the Mayflower, in Hampton Roads, a salute will be fired by the United States and foreign warships there assembled.

When the President arrives at the Exposition grounds he will be met at the end of the Pier by a military escort and will be saluted by the United States Artillery, stationed on the Exposition grounds. Promptly at the hour of 11:30 the President will be escorted to the Reviewing Stand, on Lee's Parade, in the rear of the auditorium building where the following exercises will take place.

1. Opening prayer by the Right Reverend Alfred Magill Randolph, Bishop of the diocese of Southern Virginia.

2. Address and introduction of the President of the United States by the Hon. Harry St. George Tucker, President of the Jamestown Exposition Company.

3. Address by the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States.

4. Opening of the Exposition by the President of the United States.

When the President presses the gold button, starting the machinery of the Exposition in motion, it will, at the same time, be the signal for the unfurling of more than one thousand flags on the various buildings of the Exposition. The pressing of this button will also be the signal for a salute to the Union by the United States and foreign ships assembled.

## Mount Airy Veterans Elect Officers.

Surry Camp of Confederate Veterans met in this city Saturday and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commander, S. C. Franklin; Adjutant, J. R. Paddison; 1st Lieut. Com., A. W. Dean; 2nd Lieut. Com., M. L. Patterson; Treasurer, Dr. T. J. Mitchell; Sergeant-Major, C. C. Kellum; Color Bearer, J. H. Sparger; Chaplain, J. D. Draughn; Adjutant, Dr. W. S. Taylor. Delegates to the annual reunion to be held in Richmond the 1st of June: S. C. Franklin, A. W. Dean and J. R. Paddison. J. D. Draughn, S. C. Franklin and J. R. Paddison were appointed a committee to confer with the Daughters of the Confederacy for the purpose of arranging a program for memorial services on the 10th of May, when Congressman Kitchin is expected to deliver an address.—Mt. Airy Leader.

## THE PRICE OF HEALTH

"The price of health in a malarious district is just 25 cents; the cost of a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Ella Slayton, of Noland, Ark. New Life Pills cleanse gently and impart new life and vigor to the system. 25c. Satisfaction guaranteed at all druggists.

## Tobacco Acreage Decreased In Virginia, Increased In North Carolina.

Of intense interest at this season is the tobacco situation. Shall the acreage be increased? The best advices at hand indicate that in Virginia the planters are answering this question with a decided "no," while the North Carolina brethren are inclined to say "yes." In this State a slight increase of area over that of last year is looked for on account of the reasoning of the Bright Belt planters that last year's shortage will result in strengthening the market for this year's product. In Virginia two considerations operate to diminish acreage: The farmers are dissatisfied with prices and are also possessed by the feeling that a change of crops is demanded by their land. The slight tendency to reduce the acreage which was evident early in the season is followed by advices as planting time draws near that Virginia farmers everywhere are curtailing.

The foregoing paragraph indicates, at any rate the best information that we can get as to the present outlook for the 1907 tobacco crop. The Progressive Farmer expects to begin printing week after next explicit reports from one leading farmer in each North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia county as to the acreage and condition not only of tobacco but all other farm crops.—Progressive Farmer.

## A Farmer's Thrilling Escape From Death.

News is received here that Mr. W. L. Alberty, a farmer residing near Crutchfield, Surry county, had a narrow and thrilling escape a few days ago. It appears that Mr. Alberty was standing up on the running-gear of his wagon unloading wood when his team became frightened and suddenly dashed off, throwing their owner down on the hounds. One wheel then struck a stump, throwing Mr. Alberty's head between two spokes of a rear wheel. Fortunately he had the presence of mind to grasp the wheel with his hands and thus lock it. He remained in this position while his team was running 25 yards or more, holding on to the wheel with grim desperation, fully realizing that to relax his grip meant instant death, for had the wheel revolved even a few inches his neck would have been broken. A friend who was with him managed to stop the team and extricate him from his perilous position just as his strength failed.

## Farmers' Association To Hold A Debate.

King Route 1, April 16.—There will be a public debate and meeting of the Capella sub-Association of the Farmers' Protective Association Saturday, May 4th, 1907, at 1 o'clock, p. m. Everybody invited. Query: resolved, "That the Tobacco Growers of North Carolina Are in a Worse Condition To-Day Than the Slaves Were In Slavery." Speakers on the affirmative are J. H. Covington, P. J. Bennett, D. F. Tillotson and others. Negative, W. W. Boyles, Dr. J. W. Slate, R. B. Tuttle and others.

Messrs. A. D. and J. L. Murray, of Walnut Cove Route 2, who are among the county's most substantial citizens, were in Danbury Saturday.

The deposits in the Bank of Stokes County now reach nearly \$60,000. Hardly a day passes but that some new depositor is not added to the ledger. Many farmers, ladies, widows, boys and girls are among the Bank's patrons.

## MT. AIRY FORFEITS BALL GAME.

Score Stood Four To Four When Blocked Ball Occurred.

A very interesting game of baseball was played by the Mt. Airy and Pinnacle teams at the latter place last Friday evening, resulting in Mt. Airy forfeiting the game by refusing to play longer on account of a ruling of the umpires. The particulars, as given the Reporter, were that Mt. Airy was at the bat next to last time with two men on bases and two men down when a blocked ball occurred on which both men on the bases got home. The umpires ruled that the runs did not count and Mount Airy quit, thus forfeiting the game. At the time the blocked ball occurred the score stood 4 to 4, while the Pinnacle team had two more times at the bat.

The two teams were said to have been pretty well matched and the game was close from start to finish.

Quite a crowd was in attendance, a great many Mount Airy people coming down to witness the game.

## Fireman Duke Kelly Injured.

Mr. Duke Kelly, a former Stokes boy, who is now fireman on one of the Southern Railway trains, met with an accident early Tuesday morning at the Guilford College station. In making a coupling in the freight train the engine on which Mr. Kelly was firing received a severe jolting. The fireman, who was sitting on his side of the cab, was thrown against the glass window in the rear of the cab with such force that his head went through it, badly cutting his face and forehead. The injuries necessitated medical attention at Greensboro. Mr. Kelly will be able to resume work shortly.

## Dan River Debating Society To Meet Saturday.

The Reporter is requested to state that there will be a meeting of the Dan River Debating Society at Stewart's School House on Saturday, April 27th, at 6 o'clock, P. M. The query will be, "Resolved, That Strong Drink Is Accomplishing More Evil Than Tobacco."

Everybody invited to come out and hear the discussion.

## Orange Presbytery Closes.

Orange Presbytery, which had been in session at Madison, completed its work and adjourned Wednesday night of last week. The session was well attended and it is learned that some very important work was done.

The articles of agreement relative to closer relations with other Presbyterians of the country were endorsed by a vote of 32 to 10.

## Death Of Mr. J. C. Rierison.

Mr. J. C. Rierison, of Walnut Cove, died last Wednesday night at 9:00 at St. Leo's Hospital in Greensboro, where he had been under treatment for some time. The remains were expressed to Walnut Cove, where the interment took place on Friday.

## "PNEUMONIA'S" DEADLY WORK

had so seriously affected my right lung," writes Mrs. Fannie Connor, of Rural Route 1, Georgetown, Tenn., "that I coughed continuously night and day and the neighbors, prediction—consumption—seemed inevitable, until my husband brought home a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, which in my case proved to be the only real cough cure and restorer of weak, sore lungs." When all other remedies utterly fail, you may still win in the battle against lung and throat troubles with New Discovery, the real cure. Guaranteed by all druggists. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

## Briefs Adrift.

The Jamestown Exposition opens tomorrow, the 26th.

Mr. A. J. Corn, of Campbell, was here on business Monday.

Dr. L. H. Hill, of Germanton, was a Danbury visitor Saturday.

Sheriff R. J. Petree returned from a visit to Winston Thursday.

The schools here continue to grow. New students enter almost every day.

Messrs. R. S. and M. M. Morefield, of Quaker Gap, were in town Thursday.

Mrs. Alice J. Watkins, of Campbell, paid a short visit to Danbury last Wednesday.

Mr. J. W. Johnson, of Germanton Route 1, was here a short while Wednesday.

Mr. Chas. Powell, representing J. J. Norman & Co., of Winston, spent Wednesday night here.

Messrs. J. A. Lawson and Jos. Martin, of the Dellar section, were in Danbury Friday.

Mr. Walter King, Jr., of Greensboro, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his parents.

Mr. W. L. Vaughn, a prominent citizen of Walnut Cove, was in Danbury Saturday.

Messrs. J. M. Vernon, J. W. Lasley and Joshua Amos were Danbury visitors Saturday.

Attorney Geo. W. Sparger, of Mount Airy, was in Danbury Friday looking after some business.

Pastor D. A. Binkley occupied the pulpit at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Will Hairston and Miss Lula Hairston, of Walnut Cove, paid a horseback visit to Danbury Wednesday.

Meadows has challenged Danbury for another match game of base ball to be played on the Meadows grounds Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davis visited relatives and attended the commencement exercises at Pinnacle Academy Friday and Saturday.

Mr. W. H. Flinchum was here Wednesday. Mr. Flinchum expects a large crowd of guests at his hospitable home this summer.

Mr. Geo. W. Smith, of King Route 2, who is one of the leading Oak Grove Debators, paid the Reporter office a pleasant visit Wednesday.

Misses Claudia and Agnes Johnson, of Germanton Route 1, entered school here Thursday. They are boarding at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jones.

The Pilot Mountain Missionary Baptist Association will hold its annual meeting with the church in Leaksville this summer, convening on Thursday before the first Sunday in August.

Mr. W. P. Wilson spent Saturday and Sunday at his home near Madison. Mr. Wilson's mother had the misfortune to get a severe fall some days since, from which she is suffering considerably.

Mr. Wade Hicks, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Hattie E. Isom, were here on business last Wednesday. Mrs. Isom received last week \$1,000, the amount of insurance on the life of her husband, the late Mr. Geo. D. Isom.

Mr. C. H. Lunsford, of King Route 2, was in town Thursday. Mr. Lunsford is a prominent farmer, millowner, horse and cattle trader, of his neighborhood. We doubt if there is a shrewder trader in the county than Charley Lunsford, and yet he is conscientious and honorable in all his dealings.