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## YOUNG OGBURN SAYS THERE NO FREE SCHOOLS IN JAPAN

Few Wholly Illiterate, but Big Majority are Not Well Educated and their Chances Slim

## FREE SCHOOLS ARE PROVIDED ONLY BY CHRISTIAN COUNTRIES

Japanese Children Are Anxious to Get English and Want Teachers to Give Them Extra Hours

Perhaps practically every Union county citizen is aware of the fact that Rev. N. S. Ogburn of Monroe is a missionary to Japan. The following article written and sent The Journal by his son, N. S. Ogburn, Jr., will prove very interesting to our readers:

Before a boy gets into the Middle School, corresponding with our high school, his problems begin to arise, and his first problem is—"How to get into school at all?" You have doubtless heard it said that 97% of Japan's population are illiterate. To many, that would seem that that many are well educated. The real meaning, however, likely is that that percentage succeed in getting through the primary school, which means that they have had only about eight years of schooling. After the primary school, the problem becomes harder. For instance, we are just on the eve in Kwansai Gakuin (which means "Western Province Academy") of beginning another school, and there have been 1054 applicants for admission when we can only take in, at most, 150. Then where do the 904 who fail to enter go? It is not certain. Some may get into some other school as belated entrants, but it is most likely that the majority will stop right there and go into business, becoming clerks, or apprentices. I have known a boy to try three successive years to enter a high school and fail each time, finally giving up. It would seem rather disheartening to know oneself one among a thousand when only one of seven could possibly succeed, and one wonders why so many pay the examination fee—in our case about \$1.20 to \$2.50—and take the rather strict examination, knowing some will be favored first because of parents' position. For instance, in our school here, preachers' sons and sons of teachers, "other things being equal," are given preference of entrance opportunity.

## The Examinations

To my mind, the examinations are the left-overs of ancient times when memory work was so much insisted upon, and the desire for education is due to an unwillingness to be left behind by the rest of the world. If it were for education itself, there would be ways made for every boy to have as much as he wants; and since these means are not forthcoming rapidly enough, I am led to the conclusion that Japan is not getting the education—the kind of education she needs. No education can be true that is not for all impartially. His second problem is "How to meet expenses?" Now, Japan is richer today, it is said, than she could ever dream of having been, or of being. There is building everywhere. But still the average Japanese is poor. The students must buy two uniforms of foreign pattern. All the students buy the same two uniforms and change to the blue and the white with the changing seasons of winter and summer. If I remember correctly, the changes are made in June and November. They wear pupils of white, and foreign shoes. These cost money. He must have books. He must pay school fees. (He has ten to fifteen subjects of study.) There are no free schools in Japan. A preacher friend of mine, in America, said he had wondered if there are any free schools in the world where Christ is not enthroned. I doubt if there are any.

He has no time out of school to work and make his own way. School opens at 8 a. m. That means that some must rise winter mornings at 5 o'clock to get ready to come to school by train. He has no leisure hours until the close of school which is 3 p. m., and often then he has to practice fencing and wrestling. He has supper about 5:30 p. m., then he will likely go for a bath, and finally get to study about two hours every night. How many minutes will that give him for each lesson if he has six lessons the next day? I resolved, upon investigation, to give my students work on English that would take about ten minutes study each night. And that is more than some of them give me, and that is the prospect I must smile over and go on with in my English plodding. Is it any wonder that the young student—a splendid fellow who came to me and to whom I have given work at 12 1-2 cents an hour to help him through—said to me one day when he heard Mrs. Ogburn calling me: "Your mother's calling." Mrs. Ogburn said "twas all the fault of my teaching and I do not doubt it.

But you must not think that every boy who wears patched (or unpatched) uniforms is so poor that he must wear them, though it is beautiful to see that no one laughs or makes fun of such a one. Some of them look as if they had succeeded. A five-year-old cap!

## Modern Customs Different

And modern discipline and customs are so different from those of ancient times. My wife and I heard a little boy reading at the top of

## HON. H. G. CHERRY WILL DELIVER ADDRESS MAY 30

Big Preparations Being Made For Memorial Day Exercises in the Court House Here

Next Tuesday, May 30th, National Memorial Day, will be a read letter occasion in the history of Union county. The local post of the American Legion has secured Hon. H. G. Cherry, law partner of Congressman Bulwinkle, mayor of Gastonia, a captain in the noted Thirtieth Division in the world war, as the principal speaker. The exercises will be held in the court house at 11 o'clock a. m. Appropriate music is being prepared by a special committee and the consolidated choirs of all the churches of the city will take part in the musical program. The music will be printed and placed in the hands of every one present.

The Auxiliary is decorating the court house with flowers and flags, and all the memorial flags in the hands of the legion will be decorated with flowers.

Seats will be reserved for all gold star fathers and mothers of the county and they are especially invited to come. Reserved seats will also be provided for all ex-service men and the old Confederate soldiers of the county. The entire citizenship of the county is invited and expected to attend these exercises.

At 8 o'clock there will be a social gathering of the Legion and Legion Auxiliary in the Legion club rooms. Every ex-service man in the county is requested to attend this meeting at which refreshments are to be served and other forms of entertainment provided. The Legion will have poppies on sale on Saturday and also on Memorial Day. Everybody is expected to wear a poppy.

All stores of the city that have poppies are urged to decorate their fronts with them and also to use flags where they are on hand or can conveniently be secured.

Everybody who has flowers that may be used for decoration purposes are asked to leave them at the court house not later than 10 o'clock on the morning of the 30th.

The Legion suggests, but does not ask, that all stores close for the memorial. Everybody is especially invited to hear Hon. Mr. Cherry who has quite a number of friends in the county and is recognized as one of the most able speakers in the Carolinas. Lay aside your work long enough to come to Monroe and help pay honor and homage to the noble sons of Union who made the supreme sacrifice on Flanders Field.

## New Roller Mill About Ready for Use

The Henderson Roller Mills Company has moved its office and store room from East Franklin Street to the new roller mill building, corner Church and Crowell Streets at the south end of the overhead bridge. Machinery is rapidly being placed in the mill and Mr. J. E. Henderson, the president, states that they expect to begin grinding within the next ten days. When complete the Henderson Roller Mills will be among the best equipped in the State. The machinery is new, and practically all of it was made in the South, much of it in North Carolina, and the balance in Virginia. The capacity of the mill will be five hundred barrels a day. The plant is most conveniently placed both as to accessibility to those bringing grain from farms to retail merchants and shipping facilities. A private track and an elevator necessitates a minimum of handling grain, while loading cars for shipment may be done with dispatch. The new mill, when finished will cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Union and surrounding counties are fortunate in having such a plant in Monroe. J. E. Henderson is president and general manager, his son, W. A. Henderson, secretary and treasurer, while Fred Huntley is vice president and handles the selling end of Henderson products.

## Mae Murray in Her Latest, "Peacock Alley"

With Mae Murray in the stellar role of "Peacock Alley," which comes to the Strand Theatre on Monday and Tuesday motion picture fans will have the opportunity to see this beautiful star of stage and screen in one of the most elaborate of productions. "Peacock Alley" presented by Robert Z. Leonard, is by Edmund Goulding based on a story by Ouida Bergere and is released by Metro Pictures Corporation for Tiffany Productions, Inc. The story of a Parisian dancer, who falls in love with a small town American youth and finds her husband's people scandalized when she goes back to his home, resulting in the couple seeking their fortunes in New York, is one which gives Miss Murray unusual opportunity to appear in many gorgeous and artistic costumes among elaborate settings.

Among the notable cast which aids Miss Murray in interpreting this romance of two countries is Monte Blue in the leading male role, Edmund Lowe, W. J. Ferguson, Anders Randolph, William Tooker, Howard Land, William Frederick, M. Durant and Jeffry Lewis. Robert Z. Leonard directed it. Oliver T. Marsh was the photographer.

## Get in the Class Picture

Next Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock a special musical program, consisting of old-time songs with orchestral accompaniment, quartets, solos, etc., will be presented at the Men's Bible class of Central Methodist church, and after Sunday school a special artist will make a picture of the class. Mr. W. M. Gordon, president of the class, is especially anxious that every member be present.

## Monroe Shriners Attend Big Ceremonial of Oasis Temple

Arrangements Are Made for the Erection of a Great Mosque in City of Charlotte, Costing Four Hundred Thousand Dollars

One of the biggest and most important meetings of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and friends of the nobles attended the annual spring ceremonial of Oasis temple in High Point yesterday. Monroe sent a big delegation consisting of Messrs. J. W. Lemmond, P. H. Johnson, J. W. Glean, Geo. Hart, Archie Levy, Lee Griffin, Blair Bivens, T. L. Crowell, Clifford Fowler, A. F. Thompson and Mr. G. B. Caldwell. Mrs. Caldwell also attended. These gentlemen tell some interesting things in regard to the meeting:

It was the first event of its kind ever held in High Point and the city turned out en masse to make the occasion a memorable one in its history. The Shriners had their fun, but they took time at a business meeting to adopt a resolution to begin immediately plans for the erection of a mosque at Charlotte. The building, which is to be the most modern in the United States, will cost \$400,000.

Pilgrims to the oasis came in large numbers. Almost every city and village in the state was represented, while from across the desert at the National capital came the official divan of the Almas temple, Washington, D. C., headed by illustrious Potentate Leonard P. Stewart and 21 members of the official Shrine family. They were met at the station by the Oasis band and patrol, and were escorted to the ceremonial headquarters in the Sheraton hotel, where they made the acquaintance of the men who wear the fez.

The advance guard began arriving in the city Wednesday night and was still flowing in Thursday morning, when the Shriners arrived by the hundreds. The streets were crowded with fez-wearers, and the horizon of the city took on a tintish red as the result of the presence of the Nobles.

## An Elaborate Program

High Point put on its best clothes for the ceremonial. The hotels, business houses and streets were elaborately decorated with Shrine colors, which lent brilliance and splendor to the occasion. And, High Point's hospitality was at its best, every local Shriner and many non-Shriners having joined hand in hand in an effort to make the gathering of fez-wearers the best ever held in North Carolina. And old timers were loud in their praise of the way in which High Pointers entertained the Shriners. It is the best ceremonial they have ever attended.

The elaborate program began Thursday morning at 11 o'clock with a business meeting of the temple. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock there was a mammoth street parade, followed by the ceremonial in the new brick building of the High Point Stream laundry on Jordan street. Nearly 400 novices were taken across the hot sands of the desert into the mysteries of Shrine.

There was something lacking about the ceremonial. It was the street work. This idea has been frowned on by the imperial council, and the practice of initiating candidates on the street has been abandoned. Of course, the candidates

## DEALERS BELIEVE COTTON WILL SELL ABOVE TWENTY

Late Planting and Cold, Wet Soil Giving the Market a Bullish Effect and It Gets Better

Major W. C. Heath furnishes the following from the O. & H. Weekly Commercial & Cotton Review:

For the last three weeks we alone have besought our customers to sell their stocks. It was plain the market was topped and the bull propaganda was being "fathered" by "Big Pools" so they could unload or distribute stocks bought very much lower. The stock market has recently sold off \$5.00 to \$10.00 per share and the end is not nearly in sight. Just watch! Quite to the reverse who could have been more persistently and confidently bullish on cotton than we have? On March 4th we headed our Market Letter: "This is the time when those of firm faith in cotton are sure of a reward." Most of the forecasts sent out from Wall Street at that time said, in substance at least: "We favor a conservative course, feeling there is little in the news of the moment to justify purchases at this level." But we didn't falter. We ignored weather maps, acreage and fertilizer rumors and peered deeply beneath the surface. The records show that since March 4th all active cotton options are up about 300 points.

We have been thinking a good deal lately and now feel warranted in saying there are some danger signals flying for those who are not too blindly optimistic to see and read. People who ignore the "Stop, Look, Listen" signs at railroad crossings all too frequently meet with disaster. Those who now refuse to read the danger signals of industry and finance will probably have only bitter memories for the consolation in the end. But don't get excited or panic stricken. There will be no spectacular smash. However, a little watchful waiting—a wee bit of wise caution, will soon enable you to take advan-

tage of golden opportunities. Be patient, but alert! Doubt most of what you see and believe nothing you hear. Watch the "signs" and be ready to act quickly when the time comes. Now, let us look the truth straight in the eye without flinching. The coal strike goes on apace. Don't forget! The New England textile strike shows no abatement. Remember this! Several hundred thousand railroad workers are right now balloting as to whether or not they will strike. Funny, we hear nothing about this! The statement (?) of the Genoa Conference are acting much like two old ladies fussing over the back fence. Will I miss our guess if they don't all rush back home very soon like a bunch of tattle-taling children, each with more alibis than can be hauled in a wheel-barrow. The Germans have informed the allies they cannot come up to the reparation terms. May 31st is the last day for them.

Next, let us view the bull side. As a country we are so all-fired rich we couldn't fail even if we did our darnest. There are only seven billion five hundred millions of gold in all the world and we have forty per cent of it. The world's mill takings of American cotton is already two million bales more than the last total crop, and remember we have three months more to go before the new crop becomes available. The first government condition report as of May 25th comes out Friday, June 2nd. It is certain to be bullish. Average planting is from two to three weeks behind. A great area of the cotton belt is suffering from cold, wet soil. At least 750,000 acres have recently been ruined by floods. The mills of the world are still adhering to the hand-to-mouth policy and have no cotton ahead. The world is this minute in more dire need of cotton goods than ever before in history. Think this over seriously.

Mrs. E. V. Houston was called to-day to Lancaster to attend the funeral of a friend and will be gone for several days.

## DR. FRAZIER MAKES AN APPEAL TO GRADUATES

Says a Transformed Life Does Not Seek to Parade Itself as Such Before the World

Dr. W. H. Frazier, president of Queens College, Charlotte, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Monroe High School in Central Methodist church Wednesday evening. The sermon was an unusually strong and interesting one and a large crowd heard it with interest.

Dr. Frazier was introduced by Dr. W. B. Burrell, pastor of the First Baptist church, who presented the speaker in a pleasing and complimentary manner. He stated at the close of the introductory remarks that all true education consists in an effort to find God and His will concerning us and to give expression to it in unselfish service to humanity.

Dr. Frazier took his text from Exodus and based his remarks upon the statement that Moses' face shone and that he was not that it shone in the mountain when he was transformed into the likeness of his Maker. The speaker took the grounds that a man's soul cannot commune with God without becoming to some extent transformed into His likeness and that it is impossible for a man to come in contact with any system of philosophy or teaching without being influenced by it, but he also stated that in order for a person to get the most out of anything, with which he comes in contact he must concentrate his mind upon it. It is so in regard to work, play or anything else—his mind must be centered upon a thing before his muscles can do their best work. He stressed the fact that since our lives are going to be influenced by those things with which we come in contact we should be very careful to let nothing come in but that which is pure, noble and clean. He declared that those things we see make a deeper impression upon our minds than the things we hear and think. Therefore visualized education is the most successful, and the unclean and unwholesome things we behold are very damaging. He stated that the things that are crowded upon the vision of the young will either make for purity or for uncleanness.

Dr. Frazier declared that a transformed life is always apparent to the world—that any one who knows anything about physiognomy can read a man's temperament, his intelligence and his habits in his face and eyes—that these things are so written upon one's features that they cannot be blotted out.

Referring to the fact that Moses did not know that his face shone, Dr. Frazier said that Godliness always begets humility and that the best and most consecrated men are usually the most humble and care the least about trying to parade their good qualities before men. He stated that we must bring our passions and appetites under subjection before it is possible to be transformed, and that a transformed life is a blessed life in that it does not make any attempt at parading itself as such.

## WINGATE SCHOOL WILL HAVE NEW DORMITORY

Big Coachwhip Gets a Number of Wingate Citizens After Him and Dies a Hard Death

Wingate, May 25.—Wingate is on the "boom," at present. A filling station is being erected by Mr. A. C. Small, a garage by Mr. J. J. Perry, a residence by Mr. J. T. Currie, and a first class grocery store has been opened by Mr. E. B. Wright. The Baptist church is also being completed. The main auditorium is almost completed, and the work on the Sunday school department has begun. It is also rumored that a wood shop is to be opened up here in a few months.

The board of trustees of the high school held their annual meeting recently. It was decided to build another dormitory for the girls. This building will cost, when completed, several thousands dollars. We hope to have a full report of the meeting in the next issue of The Journal.

A large coachwhip snake was killed near the depot by a number of Wingate citizens a few days ago. The snake measured five feet and ten inches in length. This is the largest snake seen around Wingate in some time.

Mrs. W. A. Chaney and daughter, Miss Selma Chaney, spent Thursday in Charlotte.

Mrs. James L. Little of Goose Creek township is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Biggers.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. M. Bogan returned home Sunday, after a few days visit in Hoke county.

Mr. Clyde Jones is visiting his sister, Mrs. F. W. Biggers, of Oakboro. Miss Bess Matheson has returned from Salisbury where she has been taking treatment in the Whitehead Stokes Sanatorium.

Misses Jessie and Katie Wright are visiting relatives in South Carolina. The many friends of Mr. J. W. Bivens are glad to see him at church again, after being unable to attend for several months.

Miss Ona Biggers spent last week with Mrs. O. L. Flow at Allen, N. C.

## Mass Meeting

Of the Union County Public Discussion League at the court house, May 27, Saturday afternoon, 2 to 5. Non-partisan, and non-political except as politics affects the economic welfare of the people. Discussion: roads, schools, taxation. Come, republicans, democrats, independents, men and women.—H. D. Stewart.

## COLUMN NEWS GATHERED FROM DAILY DISPATCHES

Many Stories of Interest Condensed For the Convenience of Busy Readers of The Journal

## BIG STORIES OF IMPORTANCE HANDED OUT IN A NUT SHELL

Bishop Kilgo Ill; Freight Rates Reduced; Girl Jumps from Window; and Other News.

Bishop John C. Kilgo, of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, who is at the Methodist hospital in Memphis, Tenn., following an attack of valvular heart disease Tuesday, while returning from the general conference at Hot Springs, Ark., to his home in Charlotte, is dangerously ill, according to the attending physician. Bishop Kilgo's condition improved steadily following his removal from the train and it was reported at the hospital there was little to fear from his condition. However, he experienced a second attack and it was reported later that his condition was critical.

Railroad freight rates will be reduced on July 1 by amount equal to 10 per cent of their present levels, under a decision of the interstate commerce commission announced Wednesday. Practically all classes and commodities of traffic are effected by the decision, which marked the conclusion of the investigation begun last autumn by the commission, on its own initiative, into the reasonableness of existing freight levels. Agricultural products in all sections of the country outside of New England, live stock and western grain and grain products, are the chief commodities excluded from the reduction, these comprising the freight classifications upon which reductions have been recently put into effect. Passenger charges and Pullman fares are left unchanged.

Miss Lucy Butler, pretty seventeen-year-old sophomore at the Girls' High school in Atlanta, who is said to have jumped Tuesday from a fire escape on the second floor of the high school building, was reported by officials of the Georgia Baptist hospital to be suffering from severe bruises, but no bones are thought to be broken. Miss Butler, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Butler, of 63 Page avenue, was at first reported to have fallen from the fire escape but officials of the school said she told them later she jumped because of an unhappy love affair. She is reported to have said things were not moving happily between herself and the young man to whom she is said to be engaged. The force of the girl's fall was partly broken by her falling on some soft earth immediately below the fire escape. Physicians say she probably will be confined to bed for several days on account of her badly bruised condition and the shock to her nerves.

W. S. Blackmer of Salisbury, thinks he has found the valuable pitchblend from which Mme. Curie made her wonderful radium discovery. He has sent a sample to Senator Overman and turned it over to the geological survey, and asked for an analysis. The stuff comes from Mr. Blackmer's place and if he is right, his fortune is made. An announcement from the geological survey says that the value of the gold produced in North Carolina during the period 1799 to 1920 was \$23,629,580. The deep mines worked in 1921 were: The Pee Dee, near Asheboro; the Rich Cog, in Montgomery county, the Sylvania property, near Rutherfordton. The Deep was the only one yielding anything. It was the largest producer of gold from silicious ores in the Appalachian state last year. The placer gold mined in 1921 came from Brindletown mines, in Burke county, the Third Creek, in Rowan; the Biggerstaff, Rutherford, and the Union, Montgomery and Cabarrus.

One of the most unique requests ever received by the prison commission of Georgia came Tuesday morning from a negro convict at the state prison farm at Milledgeville who craves the privilege of going to Zebulon to see his brother who is to be hanged. The convict's name is Willie Jarman, and his request was made in the form of a letter to Commissioner E. D. Rainey, written with a pencil on a sheet from a five-cent tablet. He said his brother was to be hanged at Zebulon on June 2 is his only brother, and he and his sister and a friend wish to see him once for a last farewell, and they will pay their expenses and the expenses of a guard if the prison commission will let him go. Although it is not customary to grant leaves of absence to convicts, the prison commission decided in this case to make an exception. The convict's letter to Commissioner Rainey was as follows: "Judge E. L. Rainey, Atlanta Ga.—Please your honor, I am writing you all asking for a releaf to go on see the last of my only brother. He is to be hung the 2nd of June My sister and myself and a friend of mine they are three of us want to go on see him please grant us the prilege to go. Will bar all the expinces for our self an a guard to take us over thir to Zebulon, Ga. An please grant us the prilege to go if you please. Yours sincerely, Willie Jarman."

Mr. J. C. Sikes went to Wake Forest College yesterday to attend a reunion of his classmates of the class of 1902.