

THOSE WHO COME AND GO, SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith spent part of the holidays in Durham.

Mr. Fred Norwood left Saturday to visit his parents at Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Odale Ferrall spent the holidays in Durham with relatives.

Miss Clapp and sister left Thursday for Siler City to spend the holidays.

Mr. Coy Patton is spending Christmas in Mebane.

Mr. W. D. Lay, of Burlington, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city.

Miss Grace Amick and brother were visitors in Mebane last week.

Miss Pauline Nicholson is visiting Miss Amick in Graham.

Miss Lynette Swain is home for the holidays.

Mr. Will High, of Durham, was a visitor in Mebane Sunday.

Miss Pattie Jobe is visiting her sister Mrs. Geo. McAdams in the country.

Dr. Baynes many friends miss him very much during Xmas.

Mr. Hubert Moore is visiting his father, in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Thompson of Durham, spent Xmas with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Oldham, of Charlotte are spending some time with his father in the country.

Miss Effie Boone, of Durham, is spending the holidays with her parents in Mebane.

Mr. Wilber McFarland, a student at Trinity College is spending the holidays with his mother.

Miss Grace Amick, of Graham, was the guest of Miss Pauline Nicholson during Christmas.

Mr. Charles Patton, of Paughkeepsie New York, is spending the holidays with his parents.

Miss Della Wilson, of Davidson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. G. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Paisley Wilson are spending the holidays with relatives at Asheboro.

Mr. Shakespear Harris, of Concord, is visiting his brother, Mr. Chas. Harris.

Mr. Henlev Hunt left Thursday for Lexington to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Ned Brammcock and children, of Elon, are spending Xmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, of Richmond, is spending Xmas with relatives and friends.

Mr. J. N. Warren is spending the holidays with his family at Mt. Airy.

Mr. Julious Mebane, of Graham is spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Scott.

Mr. Jess Tinggen, of Reidsville, spent a few days in Mebane last week enroute to Pages Mill, S. C. where he will spend the holidays.

Messrs. John and Geo Wyatt and wives are spending the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. E. Wyatt.

Jas. W. Swain, of Danville, Va., spent Christmas with his parents Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Swain. Mr. Swain is connected with the Danville Bee.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson are visiting Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott in Graham.

Miss Alice Thompson left Wednesday for Haw River to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Aren Long.

Mrs. Joe White who has been teaching at Jamestown, arrived Thursday to spend Xmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Farrell and children spent Xmas day with Mrs. Farrells parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Newlin in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Compton and daughter Miss Etta have returned from Rauldeman where they attended the funeral of their son Mr. Tom Compton.

Richness of Life.
In our friends the richness of life is proved to us by what we have gained; in the faces in the street the richness of life is proved to us by a hint of what we have lost.—Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Proctor, arrived in Mebane a few days ago and will in the future make Mebane their home. Mr. Proctor has accepted a position with the Mebane Leader as compositor, and having a good deal of experience in the Northern Printing establishments, promises the Business houses in Mebane nice work in Job Printing. We are glad to have him with us.

Live in One Trench

A British soldier relates a remarkable story of how the English and Germans hobbled in the same trench a few miles south of Ypres.

There were a handful of Germans and a smaller handful of allied forces. Trenches were but a few yards apart and in these for more than a week the men of both sides have been bored and inactive. They amused themselves as best they could, exchanging messages swapping newspapers and tobacco, hurling back and forth greetings and epithets.

More days passed and still neither side received orders either to attack or withdraw. Some sort of cooperation seemed necessary. Accordingly, the Germans hoisted a white flag, and advancing under this, entered the allied trench for a conference. The result was an agreement was reached that it would be more comfortable for all to live in one trench until one side or the other received orders.

The Germans moved over bag and baggage, and for a number of days all went well. Many of the German spoke English or French. Under the strange circumstances friendship was sprung up. Both factions dreaded the arrival of a messenger.

One day a messenger came, and plans for the renewal of hostilities were hastily made. But the messenger proved to be only a bearer of mail and newspapers for the Germans. All gathered around while a German began to translate the latest dispatch from Berlin. Unhappily for the harmony of the gathering, it referred to Ostent by its German Knickname "Kales"; spoke of bomb droppings on various French towns, of contemplated air raids on Great Britain.

The English frowned, growled the French grew excited. Both sides had by agreement laid aside their rifles, but both sides still had their fists, both used them. A free for all fight followed, and the unique compact came to an end.

I Cannot Keep Quiet any Longer

For some time people have been sending in such things as back bone spare rib, milk, apples, liver pudding and the like, and last night while I was busy trying to do some thing for a neighbor I heard a great stomping on the front porch. On opening the door a crowd of about a dozen took charge and we surrendered without firing a gun. After reading and prayer, some time was spent in social conversation. When the assailants were gone we proceeded to take inventory of stock. Among other things we found fresh meat, coffee, sugar, butter, ham, canned fruit, dried fruit, liver pudding, etc. It was a sight to see one little chubby fisted coming in carrying a pound of coffee. May the father of all mercies bless not only these, but the whole town and help us all to keep the Christmas feast in the spirit of Him whose birth we commemorate.

W. E. SWAIN

Good Citizenship

While our country is needing several good things, yet its greatest need is more good citizens. The object of all training should be to prepare the people for efficient citizenship. To be of real service should be the true aim of every life. Yet all of our institutions do not prepare enough efficient citizens to meet the demands of our government. The demand is much greater than the output. We hear of over-production in most every line except in good citizenship.

A good citizen is one who loves his country with a true and undying love. His heart and hands are always ready to obey his country's call. No sacrifice is too great for him to make in her service.

A model citizen will serve his country by listing all of his property according to its true value. He will not list one hundred dollars worth of property for only seventy-five dollars. And after he has listed his property he will pay all of his taxes promptly in order that all the expenses of the Government may be paid.

Modern Business Proposition.
Lady (returning her husband's portrait after five years)—"Would you mind exchanging this portrait for a landscape? I am going to divorce my husband."—Munich Fliegende Blaetter.

THE RURAL CHURCH

THE FARMERS THE CUSTODIANS OF THE NATION'S MORALITY.

Co-operation of Church, School and Press Essential to Community Building.

By Peter Radford
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The church, the press and the school form a triple alliance of progress that guides the destiny of every community, state and nation. Without them civilization would wither and die and through them life may attain its greatest blessing, power and knowledge. The farmers of this nation are greatly indebted to this social triumvirate for their uplifting influence, and on behalf of the American plowmen I want to thank those engaged in these high callings for their able and efficient service, and I shall offer to the press a series of articles on co-operation between these important influences and the farmers in the hope of increasing the efficiency of all by mutual understanding and organized effort. We will take up, first, the rural church.

The Farmers Are Great Church Builders.

The American farmer is the greatest church builder the world has ever known. He is the custodian of the nation's morality; upon his shoulders rests the "ark of the covenant" and he is more responsive to religious influences than any other class of citizenship.

The farmers of this nation have built 120,000 churches at a cost of \$750,000,000, and the annual contribution of the nation toward all church institutions approximates \$200,000,000 per annum. The farmers of the United States build 22 churches per day. There are 20,000,000 rural church communicants on the farm, and 54 per cent of the total membership of all churches reside in the country.

The farm is the power-house of all progress and the birthplace of all that is noble. The Garden of Eden was in the country and the man who would get close to God must first get close to nature.

The Functions of a Rural Church.

If the rural churches today are going to render a service which this age demands, there must be co-operation between the religious, social and economic life of the community. The church to attain its fullest measure of success must enrich the lives of the people in the community it serves; it must build character; develop thought and increase the efficiency of human life. It must serve the social, business and intellectual, as well as the spiritual and moral side of life. If religion does not make a man more capable, more useful and more just, what good is it? We want a practical religion, one we can live by and farm by, as well as die by.

Fewer and Better Churches.

Blessed is that rural community which has but one place of worship. While competition is the life of trade, it is death to the rural church and moral starvation to the community. Petty sectarianism is a scourge that blights the life, and the church prejudice saps the vitality, of many communities. An over-churched community is a crime against religion, a serious handicap to society and a useless tax upon agriculture.

While denominations are essential, and church pride commendable, the high teaching of universal Christianity must prevail if the rural church is to fulfill its mission to agriculture.

We frequently have three or four churches in a community which is not able to adequately support one. Small congregations attend services once a month and all fail to perform the religious functions of the community. The division of religious forces and the breaking into fragments of moral efforts is oftentimes little less than a calamity and defeats the very purpose they seek to promote.

The evils of too many churches can be minimized by co-operation. The social and economic life of a rural community are respective units and cannot be successfully divided by denominational lines, and the churches can only occupy this important field by co-operation and co-ordination.

The efficient country church will definitely serve its community by leading in all worthy efforts at community building, in uniting the people in all co-operative endeavors for the general welfare of the community and in arousing a real love for country life and loyalty to the country home and these results can only be successfully accomplished by the united effort of the press, the school, the church and organized farmers.

Mr. M. D. Creech who holds a position with the State at Thurman N. C. and who has been visiting his parents at Angier spent Friday in Mebane, visiting his sister Mrs. W. C. Proctor. He left on the after noon train for Greensboro.

Optimistic Thought.
A true-bred merchant is the best gentleman of the nation.

Only Education of Value.
Reading and writing are in no sense education, unless they contribute to this end by making us feel kindly towards all creatures.—Ruskin.

Might Get It That Way.
An absent-minded husband was asked by his wife to stop in a store on his way downtown and buy her three articles of feminine wear. Of course when he reached the store he had forgotten what they were. So the young clerk behind the first counter was amazed to hear: "Excuse me; my wife told me to come in here and get her some things to wear and I've forgotten what they are. Would you mind naming over a few things?"

The Change.
"It used to be," declared old Brother Bombershay, "dat when Brudder Mauley and his wife was uh-squabblin' dey had 'em up and down like a sea-saw, sometimes one of 'em gittin' de best of it and den de yudder. But now, bless goodness, dey dess goes 'round and 'round like a merry-go-round, and nobody kin prognosticate which is ahead."—Puck.

Pheasants and Turkeys.
The fame of the pheasant in England and western Europe rests upon its qualities as a game fowl, and the species known there are not remarkable for beauty. Pheasants are not indigenous to America, and here the ruffed grouse is often mistakenly called a pheasant. Our native turkeys are closely related to the pheasant family.

Proper Care of the Eye.
According to Dr. Woods Hutchinson, the common cause of homeliness or unattractiveness in the eye is redness, either of the eyeballs themselves or of the lids. This is what biologists call an acquired, not an inherited, condition, and is caused either by the presence of disease and filth germs or by eye strain. The trouble can be prevented by absolute cleanliness and by fitting the eyes with proper glasses.

Test of Spiritual Life.
If we may take one test or sign by which to judge of advance in the spiritual life, it would be this—whether more and more calmness is being maintained in the midst of all the disturbances and troubles which are wont to come, which may ever be looked for in some form or other—whether there be peacefulness of mind, and order of thought in the midst of all that once too much distracted and agitated the soul.—T. T. Carter.

Relieving Headache.
Headaches caused by worry or exhaustion may be relieved by very simple means. If possible, put on loose clothing, loosen the hair and supply yourself with a bowl of hot water and several towels. Wet the towels in the hot water and apply back of the ears and to the base of the brain. Change these often and you will soon find relief. A hot foot bath hastens the process.

Iron Ore in the Antipodes.
All of the Australian states are well supplied with iron ore, New South Wales having the richest deposits.

Beginning of Great Industry.
It is said that the first sawmill in the United States was at Jamestown, from which sawed boards were exported in June, 1607. A water-power sawmill was in use in 1625 near the present site of Richmond.

Radiance of the Soul.
Carry the radiance of your soul in your face; let the world have the benefit of it.—Fox.

Improvident Zulu.
The Zulu is absolutely without property except the hut wherein he lives. He is a strict apostle of the teaching of take no thought of the morrow. He never lays in any store and if he has plenty one day he eats until he can hold no more. The next day he may find nothing to eat and he gets along the best he can like a bird. Birds never store up for the future. The Zulu is the bird of mankind. He decorates his head with plumage and fine colored feathers, but he has not clothing for his body except coarse woven cloth.

Duty of the Wiser Part.
Since the foolish part of mankind will make wars, from time to time, with each other, not having sense enough otherwise to settle their differences, it certainly becomes the wiser part, who cannot prevent these wars, to alleviate as much as possible the calamities attending them.—Benjamin Franklin.

Pulsations of the Blood.
A grown-up person has ordinarily twenty-eight pounds of blood, and at each pulsation of the heart ten ounces are sent through the arteries and veins. The pulsations average 120 per minute in infancy, 80 in manhood and 60 in old age, and are rather more rapid in women than in men.

Copying Mother.
"Did your playmate enjoy her visit?" said a mother to her small daughter, who had just bidden adieu to a little friend. "Why, yes, mother; I think she did," replied the child. "I called her 'my dear' very often in that drowsy tone you use when you have company."—Youth's Companion.

The Apricot.
The apricot did not originate in Mexico. It was introduced from Asia into Europe in the time of Alexander the Great and was taken from Greece to the other European countries, and after 1492 to the two Americas.

Self-Deception.
Another pathetic little feature of everyday life is the way every bullet-headed old cuss in the audience will prick up his ears and look keenly interested when the candidate announces that he now wishes to address a few remarks to thinking men.—Columbus (Ohio) Journal.

Beyond Her Understanding.
A woman can never understand why her husband has to work so hard in order to make both ends meet, when he is so much smarter than other men.

Foes and Friends.
When two men are extremely polite to each other it is a sign that they don't like each other. But when they say, "Hello, you chery old pup!" and "How's yourself, you porch-climbing old horse-thief?" they are good friends.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

In Search of Knowledge.
"I shall call upon a fortune teller this morning," said Mr. Blubb. "Going to try to learn something about the future?" asked Mr. Waggles. "Yes, I'm going to ask him when he expects to pay the arrears of rent for that cottage of mine he is occupying as a 'School of Astrology and Institute for Psychical Research.'"

Daily Thought.
There are souls in the world who have the gift of finding joy everywhere, and of leaving it behind them when they go. Joy gushes from under their fingers, like jets of light. Their influence is an inevitable gladdening of the heart.

The Seven Wonders.
The only one of the "Seven Wonders" of the ancient world that remains is the Pyramids of Egypt. The others were the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Colossus of Rhodes, the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, the Statue of Zeus at Olympia, the Pharos of Alexandria and the Temple of Diana at Ephesus.

Never in Doubt.
"Does your wife ever doubt what you say when you get home late?" asked the Wise Guy. "Never," replied the Grouch. "She knows I am lying."

Worthy Comparison.
"As near as I can figure it," commented Judge Pettingill of Chanute "a treaty and a married man's promise to his wife to water the plants and to spend the evenings at home, when he sends her away to see the folks, have many strong points in common."—Kansas City Star.

The Oldest Handicraft.
The toy industry is one of the oldest industries in the world. The British museum can show us a doll (with strips of mud beads for hair) and others with movable arms, with which the children of ancient Egypt played on the banks of the Nile. Jointed dolls and dolls' furniture have come down to us from the days of Greece and Rome, and we know that balls, tops and toy animals were favorite playthings at an even earlier date.

Path to Complete Success.
Man is the most successful creature so far, because he has kept his balance, but the worst thing about him is the size of his brain, for it indicates that he has let himself grow too much in one direction. Biology teaches us that success is attained by keeping the power to improve; by going out and struggling; by not looking around for a snap, but principally by not permitting oneself to grow into a rut.

SHOE BARGAINS

For the next 15 days beginning Thursday 10th my entire stock of shoes will be placed on sale at 10 per cent. less than the regular selling price. This stock embraces one of the most complete and up-to-date line of solid leather goods ever shown in this section of the country.

We will also issue coupons for every pair of shoes sold and on December 24th w ill give as first prize 1 pr. Edwin Clapp \$6.50 shoes, second prize 1 pr. Queen Quality \$4.00 shoes.

Don't forget that we always carry a full line of Clothing and furnishings at money saving prices.

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