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OUR SCHOOL PROBLEM.

It would be passing strange if a school could be run and no confusion arise. Just how many of the parents of this city are facing a problem that has them annoyed as we have...

Parents who know the situation are in harmony with the effort to hold up the standard of the school, but they are not willing to stand for any extreme measures that will embarrass those who do good and honest work.

The straw that broke the proverbial camel's back has come by way of the Latin classes. Students who took Latin in last year's classes are not passing on this year's work.

To add insult to injury they have sealed up the vocabularies in the back of the Latin book used in the second year classes. This vocabulary was placed there by the authors of the book for aid to students who have not advanced far enough in Latin to acquire a vocabulary sufficient to read Latin.

The students in the Latin classes are not only being given lengthy lessons, but they are being penalized by being required to do extra work in the form of having to write out a Latin word a hundred times.

Sealing up the vocabularies is like putting the feed of the horse beyond his reach and telling him, now fatten, confound you. One teacher said, "If my vocabulary had been sealed up I simply would have read no Latin."

The study of Latin is highly important and should be encouraged, but the way the subject is being taught here in our schools not many parents will permit their children to even begin the study in the future.

There is no reason why students who can make grades in other studies should not be able to acquire a working knowledge of Latin, and we are forced to the conclusion that some mistake is being made by those in authority or there would not arise all this hubbub over Latin.

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THE LOT OF THE POOR.

The Master two thousand years ago reminded his followers that we should always have the poor with us. It was true then and it is true today.

When they were about three miles from Dobson, near Fish river, they passed a man walking and a woman with a babe in her arms trailing along behind him.

The babe in the mother's arms was just four months old. It was hungry and as the mother trudged along the way she had her bosom open and the little fellow with nose cold as ice and its face as red as a beet was feeding from the fountain of life with all its might.

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CALL FOR JUDGE BOWIE.

Four years for appropriating \$25 of the church funds was the penalty Judge Tam Bowie gave a colored gentleman the other day.

George E. Sanders, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has made way with \$92,000.00 of money contributed and placed in his care to be used to keep missionaries on the foreign field.

Our wish is that he could fall in the hands of Judge Bowie.

Road to Hillsville Completed Very Soon.

C. S. Currier, seventh district engineer arrived here Friday to inspect the North Carolina section of the road from Mount Airy to Hillsville, Route 68.

There will be a pie supper at Mount Bethel school house Friday night, Dec. 17. Proceeds to be used on the Christmas tree. Everybody is cordially invited.

State Highway Commissioner Addresses Citizens Club.

The Citizens Club of this city had as its guest last Friday evening Hon. A. S. Payne, of Winston-Salem, Highway Commissioner for this district. Mr. Payne was introduced to the members by Rev. W. A. Newell and for a short time the visitor gave an account of the work and problems that have to be faced and worked out by the man who has the question of building a system of state roads in their hands.

Mr. Payne viewed with alarm the fatalities that are occurring on our state highways every day and advocates some kind of police patrol of our state roads in order that they might be made safe for the public and free from the reckless and drunken drivers.

Telephone Company May Improve Service.

If an agreement can be reached between the local telephone company and the citizens of the city, the company will install at an early date a modern telephone system at this point, a system similar to that used in larger cities.

Mr. John T. Massie Sleeps at Oakdale.

The funeral of Mr. John T. Massie, who died at the home of his son, William, in Winston-Salem, Saturday, was conducted from Central Methodist Church, this city, at 2 P. M. Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Massie was a former resident of this city and a native of Patrick County, Va. He was twice married and the father of twelve children by the first wife, eight of whom survive.

During his residence here Mr. Massie was a loyal and faithful member of Central Methodist Church and served for years in the capacity of steward, his former pastor Rev. D. Vance Price, paid a beautiful tribute to his memory ere his remains were carried to Oakdale Cemetery to rest beside those of the mother of his children.

Warehouses Close For Holidays.

The three warehouses in this city will close Friday for the holiday season and re-opens on Tuesday morning, January 4th, 1927.

A bar load of turkeys was shipped from this city Tuesday. It is understood the royal bird brings about 50c per lb. wholesale now.

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THE JOKE IS ON THE PREACHER.

Last Sunday was a cold dreary winter day and the Rev. J. A. Cook, pastor of the Mount Airy Circuit and door neighbor to ye editor, preached three times to the folks on his charge.

He expressed a desire to listen in on ye editor's radio to a sermon some Sunday night. The radio was working to perfection and we called the old gentleman on the phone and told him it was a good night to listen in and see how the other man expounds the truth.

While we could not talk back at the radio-man we could get rid of him and his queer theology by turning the dial of the radio to some other point and pick up another sermon. But the funny part of it was that Mr. Cook would soon begin to smile and then shake his head, and then talk to us about the crooked theology that was coming over the air.

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To prove that the Bible is the word of God, she declared was easy. And this is the way she did it. Matthew she said, was an ignorant tax collector and could lay no claim to learning.

And yet when you examine his writing you find a marvelous condition that shows it to be divine rather than human.

Take the first paragraph of the gospel according to Matthew and we find that it includes, she said, the first twenty three verses of the book of Matthew.

Now, she declared, the number SEVEN seems to be a favorite number in the mind of God. SEVEN means completeness, wholeness. Now, count the number of words in the first paragraph of the book of Matthew and they are divisible by seven.

that is found in the first paragraph of Matthew. And this was the basis of her belief in the divine origin of the Bible.

Pythian District Meeting Here.

The annual district meeting for the sixth district Knights of Pythias was held in the Pythian Castle Hall Tuesday evening with a large delegation from Winston-Salem present.

Thirteen candidates received the rank of page, the rank work being put on by the degree team of the local lodge. Splendid refreshments followed the business session.

Mr. and Mrs. George O. Graves will spend Thursday in Winston-Salem where Mr. Graves is called on business.

Auction Sale
On Saturday, December 18th, at 2:00 o'clock the administrators of the estate of the late Joana Taylor will sell all household property. Sale at late home place on Lebanon street.
E. C. Bivens and W. R. Taylor, Administrators.

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