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LINE UPON LINE

Slowly man learns the lessons that one learned make it possible for him to live reasonably happy in this life. It is passing strange that we all are so slow to learn the essential things that must be learned before we make progress. Just now we have in mind the many things that must be learned before one can safely use the good roads that now are found in all parts of the country.

With all of this wonderful development we have also assumed a wondrous risk of life and limb and personal property because we have not yet learned to safely use our roads. No careful farmer would put his team of work stock in the hands of a careless driver—the team is too valuable for that, but he will meekly submit to the most reckless drivers in the county using the roads and thus endanger his life and the lives of all those who use the roads.

And then we need to wake up to the fact that those who walk along the highways need to learn to stay in their places. Many of the deaths now are due to the indifference of those who get in the way of a rapidly moving automobile. The folks who walk need to wake up to the fact that a machine moving at a high rate of speed cannot be stopped instantly and that it is made of iron and has weight enough and is hard enough to break every bone in a human body and will do it if it is badly handled.

It is all a matter of learning a new lesson. A lesson about how to live and use the automobile, a lesson that would save many lives and untold agony and suffering and heartaches. We will learn the lesson, that is, many of us will learn it, even if it is learned slowly. Parents can at least do much to impress the minds of very young children with the importance of being careful while on the road.

THINKING ABOUT VETCH

Some weeks ago we quoted a thoughtful man as saying that vetch will save Surry County. Now this same thoughtful man tells us that we have no idea how much interest has been created in the minds of people about here on the subject. He has heard a number of people discussing the subject of soil improvement and the relative value of vetch as compared to other growing crops as soil improvers.

We recall hearing an old man tell his son some time ago that if he persisted in going to see a certain girl the first thing he knew they would be married, and then the old man exploded his wrath and told the young fellow that he would not be able to even keep that young flapper in silk stockings. Evidently the old man thought he had said the most impressive thing he could to the young man.

One thing is definitely certain when the young fellow can keep her in silk stockings he had better leave her alone for this is the age of such things as silk stockings. Some how the race has found a way to make such things as automobiles, victrolas, good roads, high schools, ways to travel and see the country and a hundred ways to spend money that must be earned by most folks before they can spend it.

It all comes back to this: We must find a way to improve the soil if we are to make farming profitable, and this is a farming country and will be for many a day to come. Soil improvement simply means that we must get more plant food in the land. Land that has but little plant food in it is called poor land. Plant food is decayed vegetation in some form.

How to do all this is the work of the farmer. One can buy books that tell about it, or one can get in touch with the county agent or some intelligent farmer who has learned the lesson. But unless one does learn to improve the soil the silk stockings and many other such like luxuries are simply out of the question.

TOOTH AND CLAW

The time has not yet come when men will settle their differences other than by the law of the centuries that are behind us, which was the method of tooth and claw. The animal fights for what it thinks are its rights, but the race of men has worked out ways to settle disputes by resort to law and referee rather than fight it out with some weapon or like the animals adjust their differences.

All this comes to one in a most impressive way when two useful citizens fight to the death as was done in this city one day last week. A child amuses itself by rolling an old automobile tire, if the current rumors are true, then another child from another family wants to roll the tire and by force makes it his property. Then they fight, as all children do, and the parents take a hand in the children's affair. Men come home tired and nerves worn with the day's exactions and hear of the family troubles. If all this could have developed in the morning hours when men were rested and in possession of their reasoning faculties it might have passed with hardly a notice.

And what can be done about it. Much can be done. Children can be taught the limitations of the body and to control their emotions. They can be taught that when one is tired and exhausted is no time to try to reason with a mad neighbor. We see civilized individuals and we must live together. If we fight we are so accustomed to the use of deadly weapons that it becomes a dangerous matter to enter into a personal encounter—some one often gets killed. It is a serious matter to take life, especially when there are dependent ones who are left to fend for themselves. We need to learn that it is too costly to resort to the tooth and claw method of settling our difficulties. And it seems to us that it is highly important that it be impressed on the minds of all men that there are times in every life when the human body reaches a point of exhaustion when it is no condition to undertake to settle family disputes, or any other kind. If a difference has developed and they always will, that have the matter alone until one is rested and has had time to become quiet and in mental condition to use all the reasoning powers. To do otherwise may mean a resort to the animal way of getting results, and the disputes will grow over one long enough without hastening the time when they begin to grow.

2,103 AUTOMOBILES STOLEN LAST YEAR

Records Show That of This Number 1,306 Were Recovered—186 Stolen in June.

Raleigh, July 12.—During the past fiscal year 2,103 automobiles were reported stolen and 1,306 recovered in North Carolina, records of the motor vehicle division of the department of revenue showed today.

Many of the recovered cars were recaptured through efforts of deputies of the department while in other instances recovery was brought about by the information concerning the stolen cars broadcast from here.

One hundred and eighty-six automobiles were stolen in June and of this number 89 remain unrecovered. One hundred and 25 automobiles, many of them stolen in previous months were recovered in June.

Troup No. 1 Scout News

Troup I met at the First Baptist Church Tuesday, July 12 with Dr. Green presiding. After the roll call and payment of dues plans for the camping trip were made and discussed. The trip will leave Monday, July 25, instead of July 20, as had been planned. A location on New River has been secured. The troup started a library and most of the boys have contributed books to it. Paul Stewart was appointed bugler for troup I. The patrols will soon get their flags and colors. Troup I is planning to stage a baseball game with North Wilkesboro the latter part of next week.—Contributed.

Will Spend Summer At Blowing Rock

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Warren have returned from a visit to friends in Galax, Va., and are preparing to leave in a few days to spend the remainder of the summer at Blowing Rock.

Texas Evangelist Gives Fruitland Institute Prize

By Dr. RALEIGH WRIGHT Home Board Evangelist, Greenville, Texas

Seven miles northeast of Hendersonville, surrounded by towering mountain peaks, away from the contaminating influences of the city, and far above the miasma of the low lands, is located Fruitland Institute. For moral environment, character building, physical development and literary training, a school could not have a more ideal location. There are no mosquitoes, or malaria, or typhoid, at Fruitland. The health conditions are as nearly ideal as could be found in North Carolina. Few schools possess so rich a heritage.

Rev. N. A. Melton is serving his 18th year as president of this great school. He has associated with him a most efficient faculty, all of whom are college graduates, devout Christians and competent instructors. Miss M. F. Sullinger dean of the girls, has been an instructor in the school for 20 years. President Melton says that the greatness of the school is due more to Miss Sullinger's efforts than to any one person. The president and dean through their long tenure of service, their dominant Christian characters, their firm but kind discipline, their

other is most courteous. The very best spirit of comradely prevails. The discipline is ideal. The respect for the teachers and the spirit of every phase of service are unexcelled.

When I went to Fruitland I expected to see a student body of the ordinary type of boys and girls. What a pleasant surprise awaited me! With few exceptions, the student body is made up of young men and women, many of whom present the finest specimens of physical, mental and moral manhood and womanhood that I have ever seen. Gathered in this institution is the very flower of the youth of the Western Carolinas. There are about one hundred and forty boarding students, about all that the dormitories will accommodate, representing the purest Anglo-Saxon blood in America. Their bearing towards their teachers and each

other is most courteous. The very best spirit of comradely prevails. The discipline is ideal. The respect for the teachers and the spirit of every phase of service are unexcelled.

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NATIONAL THEATRE

TUESDAY, JULY 19th

Auspices Boy Scouts

Clearance of Odd Pieces Of High Grade Summer Furniture

In our show window we are displaying several pieces of Summer Furniture, which we are now offering at

1/2 PRICE

Also on our show room floor you will find several rare bargains.

BALANCE OF THIS WEEK ONLY

Carter-Walker Furn. Co.

Mount Airy, N. C.



Wanted A NAME!

We have opened a first-class filling station for autoists, where the best gasoline and oils will be sold with a service second to none. We want a good, appropriate name for our business, and for the best name submitted we will give a

Tank of Gas Free

Our station is located on the Fancy Gap road, near the new concrete bridge. Drive out and look us over, inspect the facilities for service, and give us a name.

All names must be sent or handed in not later than July 23rd. Winner's name will be published in The News the following week.

If you want real service and the best gas and oils, drive out and "gas with us."

Until New Name is Selected, We Will Operate As the

THE NO-NAME SERVICE STATION

On Fancy Gap Road

Millard Terry, Mgr.

Near Mount Airy

NOTICE

This is to notify all that are indebted to me that after August 1st, 1927, I will put accounts out for collection and judgment. So please call and settle or make arrangements and save cost and trouble.

R. H. LEONARD