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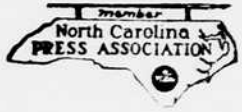
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KEEPING FAITH

The 1948 Christmas Seals, which are being distributed by the McDowell Tuberculosis association, under sponsorship of the Marion Junior Woman's club, show a young boy expectantly awaiting Santa Claus before a fireplace from which three empty stockings hang.

It is a typical night-before-Christmas scene in America. The boy knows that Santa Claus will come. He always has. There is no reason to doubt this year.

Yes, on Christmas morning the stockings will be full. The boy's faith will be rewarded.

Will the faith of the tuberculosis association in the people of this community likewise be rewarded when Christmas comes?

The association depends entirely upon proceeds from the annual sale of Christmas Seals to support its work.

When the Christmas Seal Sale closes December 25, the association will know whether it will have the finances to continue its activities for the coming year, to expand its services which benefit every resident of McDowell county.

The association has kept faith with us for several years. We must keep faith with it by the generous purchase of Christmas Seals to enable our tuberculosis association to continue its campaign against this deadly disease.

WATCH YOURSELF—PHYSICALLY

About the only time that the average citizen of McDowell county pays any attention to his, or her, physical well-being is when illness or accident puts them in bed.

This is, unfortunately, the truth in regards to most persons. It is a reflection upon the intelligence that men and women are supposed to have.

The neglect of the body is only comparable to our negligence in regards to mental powers. Every individual has abundant opportunity to improve intellectually, but few of us bother ourselves to do so.

When it comes to the realm of spiritual improvement, the average individual goes into complete eclipse, except in extremely rare and trying moments. Those of us who believe in the possession of a soul know full well that our spiritual growth is possible and most of us believe that it is the great function of human existence.

In spite of this belief and the faith that moves us along life's highway, we carelessly drift along without bothering very much about principles or the lack of them. Few of us attempt to guide our daily lives by the eternal verities that we profess to accept. This is a little bit foolish, when one begins to reflect upon it.

The encouraging thing about individual growth is that it requires no committee meetings, no mass purpose and no assistance from other people. It is one job that the individual can plan and complete upon personal initiative. The only question is, "When will it begin?"

APPLIES TO MARION

A community, like an individual, gets rich by selling more than he buys.

If the reader will consider McDowell county as a unit, the fact remains that to become richer, it must export, that is, sell more than it imports, or buys, from other parts of the world.

For that reason, when one spends money at home, the tendency is for a larger proportion of the sale price to remain in local hands. The assists in the ultimate enrichment of the entire community. Money sent out of town seldom comes back. It should not be so spent unless there is not another alternative.

December is a good month in which to drive carefully. If you have managed to live this long, why not try to last out the year, at least.

The merchants of the nation expect a big holiday trade. It will be visible in Marion too.

Buying Christmas Seals is a habit that every citizen should continue.

LEARN THE ART OF LIVING

The people of McDowell county usually can be counted upon to give generous financial support to their school system and the cause of education in general.

For many years, they have been convinced of the economic value of education. While there was a time, during the depression years, when education failed to insure profitable employment, there is general recognition of the fact that education improves an individual and makes a more efficient human being.

There has been, perhaps, a failure to understand clearly that education is not an end in itself, but a means to more complete living for the individual. Some teachers, in fact, have become so enthused over methods and improvements in the educational system that they have lost sight of the fundamental purpose of education itself.

Teaching technique has been perfected to a considerable degree, the distribution of intelligence has been increased and the knowledge of human beings greatly advanced through the ages. Nevertheless, there sometimes seems to be something of a failure to develop the wisdom necessary to make intelligent individuals or to apply knowledge intelligently to the problems of living itself.

Some modern psychiatrists attribute many of the mental ills of the present day to the disparity between abstract knowledge acquired and education as to how to use it in the art of living. Because, with all our intelligence, few of us know how to live and, therefore, many suffer physical breakdowns.

RELIGION GOES TO SCHOOL

Religion today is increasingly coming down out of the pulpit and going into the market place and the forum. Symptomatic of the times is the Institute for Religious and Social Studies, described as "a scholarly and scientific fellowship of clergymen and other religious teachers who desire authoritative information regarding some of the basic issues now confronting spiritually minded men."

Established ten years ago at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, the institute has since founded extensions in the Chicago and Boston project of having the specific topic at each weekly meeting presented by three speakers—a Protestant, a Roman Catholic, and a Jew.

There is understandable fear in some quarters that religion may be watered down to a social gospel" which is more ethical than spiritual. Certainly religion must always address its spiritual influence direct to the heart of the individual. Yet in so far as the individual is molded humanly by his environment and the social forces of his times, religion is compelled to understand and meet the challenge of these forces. Many clergymen particularly deplore the churches' failure to have reached out more dynamically to the labor movement.

The day of the hermit saint is over—though, as Emerson said, the saint may seek privacy for ends the most public and universal, and man must still meet privately with his God. Never, in fact, was it more important to "enter into thy closet"—the quiet inwardness of prayer—and "shut thy door" on the world's clamor. Yet there is also the inescapable command to "go . . . into all the world." Spiritual vision cannot flinch from the utmost complexities, responsibilities, and challenges of today's society. There is a social gospel, too.—Christian Science Monitor.

COLLEGES AT NEW PEAK

A total of 2,408,307 students is reported by 1800 colleges, according to the Federal Office of Education, which says that this represents a peak for the third successive year.

The fact that veterans' enrollment dropped from 1,122,738 for 1947 to 1,021,041 for this year is interpreted to mean that the influx of veterans under the GI Bill of Rights has passed its peak and that a leveling-off process is underway.

Reports from all over the nation, from many institutions, are that the veterans have done splendid work, and in many cases, the average is better than that of other college groups. Naturally, the veterans had to maintain a good record to keep their pay and housing benefits but, with few exceptions, they have behaved themselves exceptionally well.

Lest you forget: A subscription to The Progress makes a most acceptable Christmas gift and one that keeps on giving.

A happy spirit is the greatest possession that comes to man, regardless of his wealth or lack of it.

This is the time of the year for hunters to be careful.

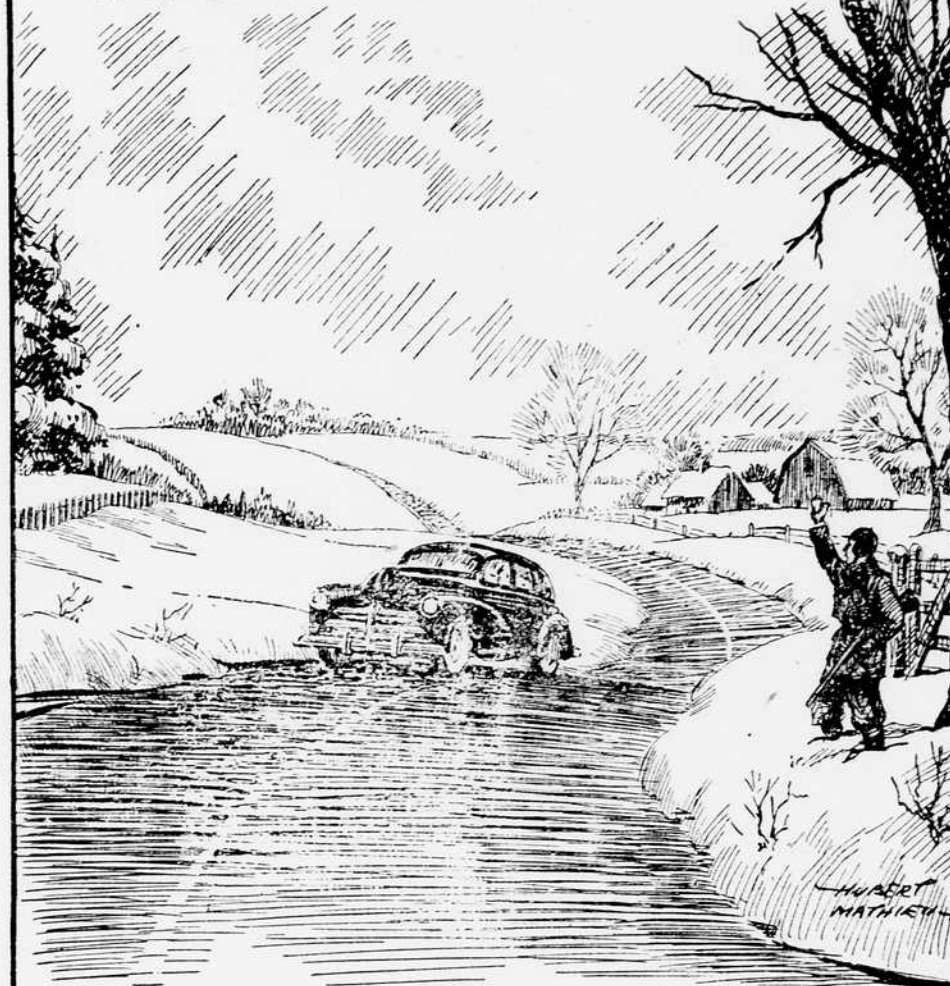
Your money won't do much good when you are dead. Put it to work now.

Death takes no holidays—watch your driving at all times.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

SNOW FENCES

ANTICIPATING THE COMING WINTER WEATHER, MEN IN OUR SNOW BELT STATES ARE NOW SETTING UP SNOW FENCES. THROUGH THEIR WORK AND FORESIGHT, ROADS AND RAILWAYS WILL BE PROTECTED FROM DRIFTING SNOW THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE DISRUPT TRAFFIC AND VITAL COMMUNICATIONS...



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Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

November 30, 1922

"The County Board of Education has the greatest program ahead of it for the next eight or ten months that it has ever had for the same length of time. Within the next few months three handsome and modern school buildings will be completed. The money has been secured and the Board is ready to go ahead.

"The new East Marion school building will probably be the first to be completed; in fact operations have already commenced. This building when finished will be one of the best in the State. It will compose twelve class-rooms, office, library, reading rooms, domestic science and manual training departments and a large auditorium of nearly one thousand capacity will provide an assembling room for the population of this growing community. This building is to be furnished throughout with modern equipment and is to be complete in every respect. This building will be the result of a campaign for better schools which brought about an election for an issue of \$60,000 of bonds.

"In the Stroudtown community a modern building will be commenced as soon as plans be adopted. A bond election was carried last June. The money has been realized from the sale of these bonds, and the school authorities are planning to build a building that will take care of the district for some time. It is to be of sufficient size to provide eight or ten class-rooms, an assembly hall, office and library. If nothing prevents, the building will be completed before beginning of another school year.

"Probably the most forward step ever taken for better schools in McDowell county was put forth at a recent meeting of the Board of Education when several schools of the North Cove township were consolidated and arrangements were made for the construction of a modern building for this section. For some time there has been a growing demand on the part of the progressive people of the North Cove section for modern school advantages. These people have not been satisfied with the small one and two teacher schools, giving instruction in the common school subjects only. They find it unsatisfactory to send their boys and girls to other communities for high school advantages. They are willing to pay for education, and arrangements have been made for the erection of a modern school building in this section. Work on this building will begin in the early spring in time to have it ready for the fall opening of school.

"With the completion of the above three buildings McDowell county will rank well with any county in the State in the matter of school buildings. A recent report from the State Department of Edu-

cation places McDowell with the highest counties in educational matters. If it is to maintain its high rank it must go forward and keep pace with those other progressive counties that are seeing to it that all their boys and girls are given the best that can be afforded in the way of training for life's work."

LAUREL HILL

"Nebo, Rt. 1, Nov. 28—J. B. Walker spent several days last week in Rutherford county.

"Herbert Foster of Shelby spent a few days here recently with friends and relatives.

"J. M. Walker, Jesse Price and Miss Beatrice Walker motored to Spindale last Sunday.

"Lee Whitener is spending some time with relatives in Rutherford and Spindale.

"L. G. Price made a business trip to Marion Monday.

"Edgar Price of Shelby spent a few days here recently with home-folks.

"Mrs. M. L. McCurry is spending a few days with relatives in Marion.

"Guy Walker and Burgin Cooper of Spindale were visitors here the last of the week.

"Miss Mattie Walker, who holds a position at Spindale, spent the week-end with home-folks.

"Z. V. Whitener and family of New House visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Whitener, the first of last week."

MOTOR VEHICLES; MORE THAN 100,000,000 TURNED OUT

In the fifty-five years of its existence the automobile industry has turned out more than 100,000,000 vehicles. The industry now employs directly or indirectly more people than any other business in the world. More than 9,000,000 persons in the United States are employed in making, selling, servicing or in the commercial use of motor vehicles. Today more than 40,000,000 motor vehicles, including motor trucks, are rolling the street and highways of this nation.

Smokey Says:

THINGS CAUGH FIRE EASILY IN THE WOODS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. SO PLEASE WATCH YOUR MATCHES!



Dead leaves, grass and twigs catch fire easily at this time. Think before you throw a match out your car window!

TALL TALES

By ELIZABETH WHITTEN

Everywhere I've been dis pas week, pebble had codes. Last week when I was just getting over a cold and it had reached the chest stage I answered the phone in a bass voice. "That you Ed?" a voice asked. "No, this is Whitten's residence," I rumbled back. "Sorry, Sir," the voice said, "wrong number."

Commenting on a plaid skirt I was wearing, a visitor in the office one day said, "you know that reminds me of a story.

"A man sold a friend a chameleon. Several days later he asked how the chameleon was getting along. The friend joyously exclaimed oh, that was a wonderful thing. I put him on black and he turned black. Then I put him on white and he turned white. I put him on pink and he turned pink." He sighed dolefully and concluded, "but I put him on Scotch plaid and the dern thing busted all to pieces."

This happened last Christmas and I wrote it in this column the week afterwards, but I enjoyed it so much that I believe it will stand another laugh this Christmas.

Two men were in a crowded store at Christmas jostling through the crowd with their gloves and scarfs smothering them in the stifling heat. Their arms were loaded with packages and others in the crowd were elbowing them and punching packages in their eyes, noses and mouths.

One of the men sighed and turning to the other said, "wouldn't you like to be out in a great, big, wide field—all by yourself?"

Philosophic Cook

Judge: I notice that, in addition to misappropriating \$500, you took a considerable quantity of valuables in the form of rings, watches and other trinkets.

Prisoner: Yus, sir; I remembered that money alone don't bring happiness.

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J. H. TATE

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EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Dr. D. M. McIntosh, Sr., deceased, late of McDowell County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Old Fort, North Carolina, on or before the 12th day of November, 1949, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 10th day of November, 1948. MRS. BERTHA MCINTOSH, Executrix of estate of Dr. D. M. McIntosh, Sr.

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