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GRANVILLE FORTUNATE IN HAVING ROY BEARD

There are among residents of this community a number of persons who have responsible positions in public service.

They go about their duties with the faithful regularity of an old Grandfather Clock, doing each day the tasks that are required for a job well done.

One of these persons is Roy H. Beard, road supervisor for the Highway Department in Granville County. Mr. Beard does not "look" the 30 years that he has served with the state's road builders, but his record shows that he's been on the job that length of time.

Those who see him about his daily work, who have business with his department and who have opportunity to observe the life of Roy Beard, recognize him as outstanding. He has a strong sense of pride and of compunction which are always evident in the discharge of his duties. The men to whom he is responsible respect his judgment; the men responsible to him respect his leadership.

As supervisor, Mr. Beard doesn't carry in his hand the solution to all the county's road building and maintenance problems. He has rules and regulations under which his work must be done, and for which he is responsible. A part of his work is to interpret the highway program to those who, by virtue of their lack of knowledge, sometimes become critical of individuals when their remarks are applicable to the system.

It was a lucky day for Granville County that Roy Beard as a lad picked up the reins behind an old mule pulling a scoop loaded with dirt and began "hauling" on a program that has brought him to his present responsible position. Mr. Beard can't build super-highways around the county, but he does a superior job of maintenance.

WHAT IS THE LIMIT OF YOUR MIND?

All of us live at a lower mental level than we need to, keeping our reserve brain power under wraps for use in times of emergency. How we can train our sensory responses, our memory and our subconscious mind, and learn to summon these powers at will, is told by Ardis Whitman in a June Reader's Digest article condensed from Your Life.

The mental feats of certain individuals seem prodigious to ordinary humans. A garageman in New York can tell you the license number of hundreds of cars in his garage. A former steward on the Twentieth Century Limited knew the names of hundreds of passengers, and learned new ones on every run.

Such accomplishments may well be within reach of all of us, the article says. By proper exercise we can learn to utilize our untapped reserves of mental power. At Dartmouth's reading clinic students who normally could read 230 words a minute jumped to 500 in a few weeks. An experiment at the University of North Carolina indicated that we may even be able to learn while we sleep. A recording of 15 words was repeated 30 times while a group of students slept. Next morning this group could list the words in proper order much more rapidly than students who had not "studied" while asleep.

Few of us have any trouble remembering what is important to us, the author notes. Youngsters who cannot recall history dates can easily keep track of the season's baseball scores and batting averages.

Every time we call a phone number without looking it up we buttress our memory. By forcing ourselves to observe how things look in a room or garden, and to remember them afterward, we train our sensory responses and learn to summon the power of the mind at will. By keeping alive a curiosity about other people and their problems we enrich our own minds.

The subconscious mind should be developed too. As it is believed to possess knowledge which the conscious mind lacks, it may sometimes provide the answer to a question baffling to the conscious mind. The more richly stored the conscious mind is, the better the subconscious works.

SOLIDARITY EVIDENT IN GRANVILLE SCHOOLS

Nearly 22 teachers and school staff members are closing out their year's work this week in schools of Granville.

For the past nine months, 5,000 boys and girls have marched daily into classrooms to take their places at desks and to hear instruction and guidance made available by the State of North Carolina.

The Granville County school system is a mere fraction of the whole in North Carolina. It doesn't include the 3,000 boys and girls who attend Oxford district schools.

Day after day, teachers have met their classes. A majority of students have been reasonably prompt in attendance and studiously attentive to their classroom and home-work assignments.

Now that the year has just about closed, some of these students are aware that they have not made the most of their time and their opportunities are lost forever.

When one considers that some 88 school buses have transported 4,500 students daily during the term, in Oxford and the county, and no fatalities have occurred, it is a record to contemplate. It is something to be thankful for. It is, indeed, a praiseworthy record.

Granville's Schools are closing a successful year. It was an ill wind that brought disaster to the Oak Hill School, but school officials and citizens of the district and children themselves have taken the emergency in their stride and have made the best of the situation.

Granville may not have the best schools in North Carolina, but they are operated on an alert, progressive basis, and have the support of patrons in the overall program. There is much of solidarity that is obvious as the term ends.

THE TOWN PUMP

Just a little nervous . . . they all go through that area of planning when they begin plowing in the field of matrimony . . . that describes Miss Rebecca Knott . . . who on Sunday afternoon is to become Mrs. Hugh Thomas McKinley . . . their "I dos" are to be heard at 5 p. m. at Enon Church . . . the very church in which Becky's twin, Rosalind, was married about 12 months ago . . . Miss Knott came home a few days ago from WMU Training School, Louisville, Ky., to complete her planning.

Miss Joanna Pittard is not quite so lucky . . . she's coming in each week-end . . . and each time finds plenty to be done . . . the same is true of Miss Betty Hart . . . whose station is High Point . . . Joanna will get home on Thursday and will leave again the following Saturday, May 30, as the bride of Bill Dupree of Angier . . . this young couple should have no trouble remembering their wedding day . . . the flags will always be on display . . . Bet will have a few days in which to plan and prepare for her June 13 wedding . . . she too is busy in the High Point schools . . . Miss Ann Cannady is finding every day crowded with "musts" on her things to do list . . . she is moving right on toward the front of the line . . . Lucy Thorp, Ellen Marie Riggan and a dozen or so others . . . they are learning to keep step to "Here Comes the Bride" . . . Miss Katherine Royster will arrive June 1 for her wedding on the 13th . . . at 12 noon . . . gosh, but things are happening these days . . .

The farm boys had themselves a big time these Tuesday . . . hardly had they got into Fleming Warehouse before they had set themselves up a beauty parlor . . . worked harder and faster than any hair curler you ever saw . . . in fact, after seeing what those boys and the lone girl exhibitor could do to an animal, one wonders why they aren't in the business . . . beginners have to train on somebody's hair and those defenseless animals were the victims in this case . . . the animals don't have to sit under those things they call dryers . . . and don't have those things wrapped around their hair and plugged into something, either . . . the cattle method of hair-curling seems so much more painless than the conventional method . . . no telling where this business of beauty culture will lead the world . . . when every cattle man finds he must have a beauty parlor next door to his cow barn, that's getting beyond the realm of reason . . .

It'll be late July or early August before Miss Nancy Hall gets home from New York for a summer vacation . . . a few nights ago, Miss Hall presented a studio recital . . . critics gave her a very fine review . . . she is finding her niche in the big city . . . and now that she's on the ladder, you can see her climbing higher . . . but as you know, lots of careers are sidetracked by men who just happened to come along . . . folks would not have life any other way . . . events that are anticipated and unanticipated . . . they are great things for stimulating life . . . for the little things of life, keep an eye on Linden Avenue . . . and this is no reference to the room that J. W. Ballou has added to his residence . . . when the girls in the family grow up, they must have a place to entertain friends . . . Mr. Ballou has shown himself to be a fine contractor . . . wonder if Luther Davis has been over to put his o.k. on the job . . . all of his countless friends in Oxford are distressed at the illness of Robert Hamilton . . . as fine a young man as ever grew up in Oxford . . .

Like old home week . . . that's what it seemed like in Toyo a few nights ago . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evins were there, stopping at the Imperial Hotel . . . they got in touch with some of their Oxford friends and invited them in for dinner . . . the party included Miss Minor Boring, a teacher in an American school . . . Ed Fox and Freddie Parham, the latter two with the Air Force in Japan . . . needless to say it was a big night for Mr. and Mrs. Evins . . . getting the low-down on life in Japan as it is known by their fellow citizens . . . and the temporary residents of Japan learning first-hand about what's going on here in Oxford . . . Mr. Evins went over to sell tobacco for his company . . . Mrs. Evins went along for the trip . . . maybe her husband pointed out the section of the Pacific in which his carrier was sunk during the war when a battle was underway . . . Evins and many of his companions in arms were rescued by another American vessel . . . now to see what's happening along the beat . . .

What Others Think

How Education Costs Have Increased

To the Editor:
Many people do not know how the cost of school class rooms and educating children has increased. In 1936 cost per class room \$16,000. In 1936 cost per class room \$16,000. Cost per pupil in 1936 was \$80.26. Cost per pupil in 1951, \$213. These are the figures for the U.S. and include small towns and communities.

In Granville County's school budget for 1953-54 an increase of \$112,105 appears. A large part of the cost of schools is used to teach children to play. Very little teaching children how to work or how to operate a business at a profit. As Oxford has discharged many of its best teachers, why increase the school budget? And increase the poor taxpayer's rate from 90c to \$1.80? Merchants and people that pay rent will also receive a rent increase. It stands to reason that the best teachers will teach in other parts of N. C. Of course many people that do not have children in school do not care if we make wigwags out of the school buildings. However, a great amount of the taxpayers money is tied up in

school buildings and buses. And Granville County is asking for more money. They should lay aside funds to build a larger county home. Many of us will end up in the county home as we can not live and pay these high taxes.

E. C. HART.

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- Three minutes to four. The illusion begins to fade. Here, outside the ivy-covered walls the future looms more important than the past.
- Two minutes to four. A sense of fear. Can a diploma guarantee happiness through all the years to come?
- One minute to four. Futility! Education can't insure happiness. Life is a succession of uncertainties.
- Four solemn strokes of the Chapel clock. The Chapel clock! There is life's one Certainty . . . God! And with divine Love rewarding human faith, who need fear the uncertainties of life or doubt to find happiness under God.

Years of education are no substitute for minutes of spiritual searching. Diplomas are important, but the discovery of Faith is the real moment of achievement.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Book	Proverbs	Proverbs	Matthew	Matthew	Romans	James
Chapter	51	9	90	10	25	1
Verses	1-12	1-12	1-12	16-20	1-12	1-7

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