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## DR. TAYLOR'S OLD TIMES IN WARREN

"How Did You Die" and "The Bible in Iron" Interesting and Instructive Selections.

Did you tackle that trouble that came your way

With a resolute heart and cheerful Or hide your face from the light of day

With a craven soul and fearful? Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce,

Or a trouble is what you make it, And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,

But only how did you take it?

You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?

Come up with a smiling face.

It's nothing against you to fall down flat,

But to lie there—that's disgrace.

The harder you're thrown, why the higher you'll bounce;

Be proud of your blackened eye!

It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts,

It's how did you fight, and why?

And though you be done to the death, what then?

If you battled the best you could, If you played your part in the world of men,

Why the critic will call it good.

Death comes with a crawl, or death comes with a pounce,

And whether he's slow or spry, It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,

But only "How did you die?"

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The following interesting piece is taken from Kind Words:

### THE BIBLE IN IRON

(Houston Odell)

Many collectors have had many hobbies, but perhaps the most novel hobby heard of this year is the collection of plates from old cast iron stoves used in Pennsylvania and elsewhere by some of the pioneers during the eighteenth century.

These pioneers, recent emigrants from central Europe where the cast iron stove, made of plates bolted together, was a customary feature of home life, brought with them to America the taste for this peculiarly made bit of house furniture. At first they imported stoves cast in Europe. Later, when furnaces were opened in America, one of their first products was the plates for these odd stoves. They were called five-plate, six-plate, te-plate stoves, et cetera, according to the number of plates in the stove. The early stove had five or six plates, one for each side of the cube into which it was fashioned by means of bolts.

The peculiarity of these plates that makes them interesting to present day collectors is that they were marvelously decorated with relief figures, usually representing Biblical subjects. The scarcity of books and papers made this pictorial method of presenting Scripture a general favorite.

The method of preparing the plates was very crude. A wooden plate was fashioned, the size of the proposed stove plate. On this was carved in relief the figures and other things which were to be represented, or a relief carving was nailed to the wooden plate. This pattern was then pressed into the moulder's sand and molten iron was poured from the primitive furnace into this pressed sand.

These early furnaces had a large part in destroying the forests of certain sections of the country. Until the introduction of coal about 1840 they burned charcoal at the rate of two and a half cords of wood, or one hundred bushels of charcoal to the ton of melted iron. It was usually considered by the man who planned a new furnace that he must be in the midst of two square miles of forest, but even this generous allowance soon proved to be too little.

An authority who has described one of these early furnaces says that "the charges of eighteen bushels of ore, alternating with twenty four bushels of charcoal, with the limestone or oyster shell flux, were cast in from baskets, while at the base of the stack the top hole, plugged with clay near the ground level, emitted the molten iron, about a ton at a time, every

nine or ten hours, day and night for the sixteen or eighteen weeks that the blast continued."

There was apt to be a separate pattern for several of the plates of each stove, and it is evident that not many duplicates of each plate were made; the people were just as eager to have a distinctive stove as people of the present day are to live in a distinctive house.

Few examples of these stoves have been discovered intact, but many of the plates have been found, whole or in pieces, and have been gathered into private collections or into neighborhood museums of certain localities.

The story of the search for the plates is interesting. Henry C. Mercer, in his book on this form of collecting, tells of discoveries that have been made "among the rubbish of old farms, as makeshift chimney tops, stepping-stones, or gutter lids, buried under soot and ashes, as hearth pavements for still existing fire places where apple butter is cooked, soap boiled or hams smoked, or rescued at the last moment in the scrap heap of the junk dealer." Others were used as flagging for kitchen porches, or as drip stones to protect the sod at house corners from the splashing of water sprouts. One plate, long sought, was found in the possession of a hat maker in an interior town in New York State, who had used it for more than eighty years as the top of a warming box in the manufacture of hats.

A large plate of unusual beauty, from the standpoint of the collector, was found in the fireplace of a downtown house in Philadelphia, where it was in use as a fire back. The owners of the house had probably found the plate in an old house in Germantown and had taken it to their home. The subject of the decoration is "The Miracle of the Oil's Increase," and there is a German inscription, of which the literal translation is: "The oil full richly increases. The son from death to life turns. In death God's kindness proves itself. With little bread many men eat."

Another plate, giving a different illustration of the same miracle, was found standing in a barnyard leaning against a chicken house, its existence being unknown to the family.

A complete five-plate stove, now in the possession of a county historical society, has stood in its original position for one hundred and forty years but was demolished when the house was torn down. The plates were found in a pile at the spring house, the bolts only being lacking. This stove presents in a pleasing way the tenth commandment.

A plate found at a blacksmith's forge, where it had broken in half to fit the forge pavement, illustrates "The Family Quarrel." Man and wife pigs, and a dog and a cat fight, while the distressed children protest in vain. "Blessed are the peacemakers" is the text in relief, below this moving picture, while this verse is added:

"By silence, by patience,  
By loving, suffering, hoping,  
And not by quarreling,  
Is the devil struck on the head."

Four pleasing plates had been laid across two rows of stones, under the shed, on a remote farm, so as to roof a drain for the porch pump in the front yard. There they were found by an earnest collector.

One unique plate was recovered from the rubbish of an old house, while a second was rescued from the gutter.

What is considered by the finder a perfect gem was found in a garden pavement near the gate of a Pennsylvania farm house and bought for five dollars. This bears the date "1766" and quotes from Psalm 67, the words, "God be merciful to us."

## INMATES OF HOME ARE REMEMBERED

Supt. Powell Expresses Thanks For Inmates of Home For Thanksgiving Dinner.

I take this method of thanking the Ladies of the Board of Charities of Warrenton for the excellent dinner furnished the inmates of the County Home Thanksgiving.

It was truly a day of thanks among the inmates of the home, and they appreciate of your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity.  
W. T. POWELL, Supt.

## N. CAROLINA DAY DECEMBER 14TH

Supt. Jones Calls On Teachers for Observance of North Carolina Day, Dec. 14th.

I am sending to you the Program for North Carolina Day with the request that you make especial efforts to observe the day in the spirit which the occasion demands. The effort especially this year is to develop and foster a spirit of patriotism in our public schools. To quote Superintendent Joyner, "The development of loyal American citizenship and of a spirit of service to our country and of sacrifice for her in her hour of need is the most important duty of the public schools at this time."

I urge you to have a well prepared program and that you invite the patrons of your respective school to be present to lend encouragement to your effort and strength to your purpose. Patriotism unflinching, sacrifice unmeasured and faith unbounded in the purity of our motives, the justice of our cause and the triumph of Right. I urge that you have a definite purpose running through the day's exercises and that you cause your pupils to become familiar with the program. Give to the day your best work, and see that your efforts reach not only your pupils, but their parents.

The Department of Education has designated Friday, December 14th as North Carolina Day. Let all the schools observe it.

HOWARD F. JONES, Supt.

## THE COLORED PEOPLE ORGANIZE

Colored Citizens Interested As Auxilliary Is Organized; 1st Colored Auxilliary In Co.

Mrs. Kate Pendleton Arrington, vice chairman of Warrenton Chapter American Red Cross and Mr. J. Edward Allen, Treasurer of the local Chapter, responding to the request of the colored citizens of Wise, motored to Wise Wednesday afternoon and organized the first colored Auxilliary in Warren, and the second, so far as known, in North Carolina.

The meeting was held in the colored school house at Wise, and was attended by a large number of the most respectable colored citizens of that section.

Mr. Allen in a short address before the gathering told of the work of the Red Cross, of its activities in preserving for future citizenship men torn and mangled by battle, who without its ministering influence would die; he told of its work as related to equipping our soldiers, of providing comforts for them, of helping to end the war. He spoke of it as a channel through which the people at home could most effectively put their shoulder to the wheel and pull for the establishment of individual liberty, a voice in their own government, as much the concern of colored as well as white peoples.

Following this talk, the Auxilliary was organized with W. H. Hayes, principal of Wise colored school, chairman. Twenty two members immediately joined, and preparation for active work was begun.

The patriotism and interest manifested by those present left nothing to be desired, and indications from every angle point that the colored people are alive to the situation and are anxious to do their part toward winning the war, and toward giving their support at home to such an organization as the Red Cross.

COLORED RED CROSS AUXILIARY ORGANIZED TONIGHT.

A colored Auxilliary to the Warrenton Red Cross will be organized tonight at the Court House. Speeches of patriotism, of Red Cross work, of the war situation will be made by Hon. Tasker Polk, Mr. John Graham, and Dr. T. J. Taylor.

A well attended, inspiring meeting is expected.

## AN APPEAL TO THE TEACHERS

Letter From Dr. Joyner Relative to the Observance of North Carolina Day.

The following from Superintendent Joyner to the Teachers is timely and should stimulate them to their best efforts:

We are appealing to you in the name of your state and your country to utilize the opportunity afforded by North Carolina Day Program (copy of which has been sent out to you) for rendering a splendid and greatly needed service at this time in informing and arousing to patriotic activity all the children of your school, and, through them, all the people of your school district, by disseminating the knowledge contained in these programs about the war and the organized movements for winning it.

Read carefully the preface of the program and observe the suggestions about the different parts of the program. Assign at once the different parts to the children best suited for each—have them copy their parts, if necessary, and drill them in the proper presentation of it. Enlist the active cooperation of your school committees and of others interested in the public school in securing a large attendance and in making North Carolina Day a great patriotic rally for the entire school district. Advertise the meeting and purposes of it continuously from now until the 14th of December, through the children of your school, sending through them pressing invitations to their parents and others in their homes.

Enlist the Ministers, Sunday school teachers, and others and secure through them, if possible, announcement of the meeting and its purpose in the churches and Sunday school. Have notices of the meeting posted at the public places in your school district. Because of the value of the service and the need of it at this time, you can well afford to devote considerable time to the preparation of the program. The cultivation of patriotism and of patriotic service is an organic part of the work of the public school and the time required of the children in the preparation of this program will be well spent and well justified as valuable instruction in patriotism and current history. Very truly yours,  
J. Y. JOYNER,  
State Supt. Public Instruction.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM CITY OF LITTLETON

Local and Personal Mention of Those Coming and Going In Progressive Littleton.

Mr. Henry House, of Nashville, was among friends in own last week.

Mr. S. G. Daniel was in Warrenton Monday on business.

Mr. Jim Harvey was a juror in Halifax last week.

Mrs. Carney Bobbitt, of Thelma, was shopping in town Saturday.

Mr. M. W. Cooper has been in Kinston this week on business.

Mr. C. G. Moore, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, who is at present stationed at Newport News, spent the latter part of the week here with his parents.

Mrs. P. B. Skundburg, of Vaughan, was shopping in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Harrison and Mrs. T. N. Harrison spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Whitakers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray Reid, of Washington, are visiting Mrs. Reid's father, Mr. J. L. Wright.

Mr. John Vinson and daughter, Miss Nina Vinson, of Brinkleyville, were in town Tuesday.

Mr. B. B. Harrison represented the Littleton Graded School in the State wide High School declaimer's contest held at Trinity College on November 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Pritchard and son and Miss Ruby Vinson, after spending a few days here, the guests of Mrs. Debra Vinson, returned to Oxford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Thornton and children spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Halifax.

Mrs. Herbert Smith visited relatives at Rocky Mount and Dunn last week, returning home Friday.

Rev. A. P. Tyre left Tuesday to attend the M. E. Conference at Greenville this week.

Misses Pattie and Rachel Myrick and Miss Sadie Baskerville, of the Calvary section, were visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Hardy and family have moved to Hollister, where he has been employed for some time.

Mr. Sam Thorne, of Charlotte, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Thorne, for a few days.

Miss Urtie Harrison spent the latter part of the week with friends at Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. H. J. Cordle and daughter, Miss Ruth Cordle, spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. P. R. Rodwell in Weldon.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Rose and children, of Henderson, have been visiting Mrs. J. J. Myrick and other relatives here for a few days.

Mr. Whit Thorne, recently made 1st Lieutenant has been with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Thorne, for a few days, before going to Charlotte, where he is stationed at present.

Miss Lucile McCraw, of Norfolk, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. F. Bonney, at her home on Mosby Avenue.

Friends regret to learn that Mr. M. W. Cooper and family will move to Kinston next week. They will be greatly missed by the many friends they have made while here.

The new school building has been completed and is being occupied. Such a pretty, modern structure should be an inspiration to the pupils to make greater efforts to excel in their studies.

Miss Liza Love Green, who teaches at Jamesville, was here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Green, from Wednesday until Sunday.

Mr. Frank Johnston, of Weldon, was among friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, after spending some time in Oxford, are again among friends here.

Mrs. Mason Mohor, having resigned her position as teacher at Fairmont returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Johnston and son, of Petersburg, were week end visitors at the home of Mr. Johnston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnston.

Mr. S. W. Turner, of Roanoke Rapids, spent Sunday here with his family.

Mr. Frank Harvey, of Halifax, is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harvey.

Mr. C. B. Markham, of Durham, spent Sunday here. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Markham and children, who had been visiting at the home of Mrs. L. M. Johnston.

Mr. William Boyce, of Henderson visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Pegram and children, of Pittsboro, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Pegram's sister, Mrs. John Twisdale.

Mrs. J. Clarence Myrick, of Panama, who has been visiting relatives in Louisburg, is spending a few days here at the home of Mrs. J. J. Myrick.

Mrs. C. M. Mingea and Mrs. W. E. Cole, of Raleigh, after a few days visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gray, have returned home.

Miss Alice Green, after spending a few days among friends here, has returned to the home of her sister in Jonesboro.

The ladies of the M. E. church held a very attractive Bazaar in the old brick market on Tuesday and Wednesday—attractive on account of the display of fancy work that the ladies like to give and receive as Christmas gifts, and also on account of the good things to eat that pleased the palate of all who tasted. A nice sum was realized, to be used to liquidate the debt on the Parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Ashby and daughter, after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Ashby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nicholson, have returned to Spray.

Friend regret to learn that Mrs. S. A. Rightmeyer continues quite sick. The Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. church held a very pleasant meeting on Monday afternoon at Littleton College with Mrs. J. M. Rhodes as hostess. After the business routine the Society was pleasantly entertained by Miss Alice Green, of Chang Chow, China, assisted by a number of the young ladies of the College.

Miss Fannie Newsom, of Airlie, was shopping in town Wednesday.

Want of care does us more harm than want of knowledge.—Franklin

## JURORS FOR THE JANUARY TERM

Judge Frank C. Daniels Presiding; Jurors As Drawn For First and Second Weeks.

The following Jurors have been selected for January Term of Warren County Superior Court, which convenes here January 21st, with Judge Frank C. Daniel, presiding.

George W. Tucker, T. A. Baxter, J. L. Wright, D. C. Williams, Alexander W. Stallings, John King, C. L. Hays, F. H. Twitty, Louis Joblin, B. J. Gehegan, Jesse Gardner, D. R. Madden, S. S. Pitchford, J. W. Harris, J. Phillip Seaman, W. H. StSing, Sr., J. A. Cheek, D. R. Mustian, T. B. Gardner, W. J. Perkinson, J. C. Stegall, C. H. King, W. T. Davis, J. W. Little, J. H. Frazier, J. R. Pittard, George Robinson, Jim Shearin, J. E. T. Ayscue, Buck Stevenson, L. W. Haithcock, G. W. Shearin, C. W. Gooch, T. T. Palmer, W. D. Gooch, W. G. Wilson.

Second Week—W. H. Paschall, D. C. Hgll, J. I. Egerton, B. W. Wynn, Charles Petar, Jr., J. R. Pendergrass, C. W. Fleming, John W. Paschall, E. L. Powell, Vernon Paschall, C. C. Alston, John A. Davis, A. H. Walker, John V. Cawthorne, Ed Short, John O'Neal, J. C. Gupton, and David P. Limer.

## OUR WEEKLY MAIL NEWSLETTER

Local and Personal Mention of Travellers to and From and In and Around Macon.

Miss Mary Weston, who is teaching in Kinston, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Russell.

Miss Alice Britton Rodwell spent the week end with her friend Miss Bertha Morris in Franklinton.

Miss Annie Gregory spent the week end with relatives in Blackstone and Petersburg.

Prof Nanney spent Thanksgiving at his home in Whitakers.

Mr. J. Burton Rodwell, who is employed by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad in Richmond spent Thanksgiving day with his father.

Miss Elizabeth Hunter, of Warrenton, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Russell.

A number of our people attended the Gardner-Gardner marriage at Churchill, last Wednesday.

The Maids and Matrons Club will meet with Mrs. R. L. Bell, of Churchill on Wednesday afternoon.

## FARMERS EDUCATIONAL UNION

At Meeting in Court House Here Saturday; Report From Delegates State Convention.

The Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of Warren county met in regular business meeting at Warrenton in the Court House, Saturday, December 1st.

Delegates from Wise, Norlina, Vaughan, Macon and Arcola locals were present. This being the regular meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year, it was moved and carried that the Union elect its officers. The following were elected:

President W. T. Carter; Secretary and treasurer H. E. Rodwell; chaplain W. J. James; Doorkeeper D. W. Pegram; Conductor and organizer R. M. White. Executive committee: W. L. Paschall, M. T. Duke, and S. J. Stallings.

Messrs. R. M. White and H. E. Rodwell, delegates to the State Convention, gave interesting reports concerning the State meeting. After the transaction of other business claiming attention, the Union adjourned.