

A Colyum Of Thoughts From Here There, Yonder

(By W. BRODIE JONES)

It is short-vision farming to raise moneyed crops to the extent that home supplies are neglected. Yet this very condition exists today in Warren. What economy is there in raising tobacco and cotton, bringing it to market, and taking the returns to invest in hay and corn. The farmers of the county cannot fail to see the folly involved, the duplicity of effort, the added cost due to freight and hauling. At the planting season the farmer adopts a construction program who first plans the food crop for his farm. Prosperity is not the glitter of much passing gold. Don't labor under that delusion longer—rather live at home, produce less moneyed crop, and yet watch your bank account grow and your value as a good citizen increase.

"The country is getting ouija bored"

Piety is frequent in old age; there's a reason—Merchants Journal and Commerce.

A man is educated when he learns what he ought not to know.—Merchants Journal and Commerce.

Let Us Hope

When I get to the land of rest
Somehow I may be "wised"
To how so many things are "best"
That I see advertised.

Farm Life.

Maybe So

O'd Man Peters—"Ned, what do you think of hanging?"
Nedders—"Well, hanging was good enough for my pa and his pa, and, by gosh, it's good enough for me."

Muller Needed

Mother—"I wish you wouldn't stand on the steps so long with that Junior when he brings you home."
She—"Why I only stood there for a second last night."
Mother—"Is that all? I really thought I heard a third and a fourth."
—Gargoyles.

Ready To Oblige

Mistress—"Now, Ada, I want you to show us what you can do tonight. We have a few very special friends coming for a musical evening."
Cook—"Well, mum, I haven't done any singin' to speak of for years, but as you insists upon it you can put me down for 'The Oly City!'"—London Passing Show.

Maybe So

"Mother."
"Yes, daughter."
"The swam? blackbird, that sings is the bobolink, isn't it?"
"I think so, daughter."
"Then is the bluebird the Maeterlinck?"
"Go right straight to bed, daughter! You must have a temperature."
—Farm Life.

A Mule's Epitaph

An army mule at one of the cantonments "went west." The private who had charge of the last rites had to fill out the regulation form, and came across the suggestion, Disposition of carcass."
After a moment's thought Sammie wrote on the blank line:
"Mean and deceitful."—Dallas Holland's Magazine.

Careless Swain

His fellow clerks gathered around him when the news became public property, and extended congratulations.
"But," said one man, "I understand the girl you are engaged to is a twin; how do you tell the difference between her and her sister?"
"Well, it's a jolly nice family," said the lucky man, "and I don't bother very much."—London Tit-Bits.

Teacher's Symptoms.

"Jimmy," said the fond mother to her smart eleven-year old, "what became of that little pie I made for you as a treat yesterday? Did you eat it?"
"No, mama," answered Jimmy, with a grin; "I gave it to my teacher at school instead."
"That was very nice and generous of you, Jimmy," complimented his mother. "And did your teacher eat it?"
"Yes; I think so," answered Jimmy. "She wasn't at school today."
—London Tit-Bits.

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CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Brown's Church Sunday Shrine Where Great Throng Pay Respect To Dr. Taylor

35TH ANNIVERSARY NOTABLE CELEBRATION DAY

Dr. W. R. Cullom Gives Account of Exercises; Each Church Represented; Great Basket Dinner on Grounds.

On Sunday, March 11, the several churches constituting the pastorate of Dr. T. J. Taylor of Warrenton met with the Brown's Baptist Church to celebrate the anniversary of the beginning of this pastorate thirty-five years ago. The original field was composed of the churches at Warrenton, Brown's and Warren Plains. Later a Baptist church was organized at Macon and became a part of the same field.

The day was clear and beautiful, and the folks came from Halifax, Franklin, Vance and Warren Counties to honor themselves in doing honor to this noble man of God. Superintendent Sam Bobbitt read and commented on the Sunday School lesson of the day, and Dr. R. T. Vann of Raleigh preached a great sermon in the morning. A bountiful dinner was served on the grounds after the old-time manner. In the afternoon each of the several churches had its say with reference to its pastor and his work amongst them. The pastor himself gave reminiscences of his coming to this section and of his work among this people through the years. It was beautiful to see the tender response in the countenances of all who heard him.

Appropriate and helpful talks were made also by Brethren Harwell Scarborough, W. R. Cullom and W. B. Morton. A beautiful and tender communication was read from Judge Walter A. Montgomery of Raleigh, who was a member of the Warrenton Baptist Church at the beginning of this pastorate and who has been a close and intimate friend of Dr. Taylor through these years. In this communication Judge Montgomery says, among other things:

"Thirty-five years constitute a long pastorate indeed. But they have been years of devoted service on your part and of hearty and grateful appreciation on the part of the churches. May the same cordial relations continue for many years yet to come. I count it a great joy, as well as a great benefit and blessing, that for years I was under your ministerial charge and enjoyed your pastoral and social companionship; and I take my part and share in the benefits you have conferred on your fellow beings with thanksgiving. You have endeared yourself in the hearts of all who have gathered around my hearth-stone, and my good wife and each of my children share freely with me in my affectionate regards for you and yours."

It was easy to see that a hearty and spontaneous amen to Judge Montgomery's sentiments came from every heart present. Nor were these feelings confined to those present, for, as Dr. Morton observed, Dr. Taylor has in a very real sense been pastor of all Warren county.

The prophet Isaiah (32:2) says: "A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind and a covert from the tempest, as streams of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Dr. Taylor comes as near filling the prophet's description in this pastorate as any man that I have known. In all the ups and downs that have come to the people of Warren county and of this section of North Carolina, they have come to feel more and more that they could come to this faithful shepherd with the assurance of receiving help and guidance that would really mean something. Truly has one of the Old Testament prophets described the value of such a man to any community by speaking of him as the chariot and horsemen of such community.

In these days of restlessness, chaos and confusion, it is very wholesome to see a man stick to one post through a whole generation. It was my privilege to be in the county when he came there in 1885, and to share for a while in the blessings of his ministry. I have also been in close touch with him

and his work from that day to this. To my certain knowledge there have been a number of rough places along the road, but with faith, hope, love, patience, perseverance and hard work he has pressed right on, in season and out of season, and has succeeded in making for himself and especially for his cause a place in the hearts of his fellows enjoyed by but few men of this generation. Today he has passed his three score and ten, but his face is ever toward the sunrise. He finds great joy in his friendships with the young people of the congregation, and they in turn find fully as much joy in their fellowship with their pastor. He reads the new books and is as intensely interested in present-day conditions and movements as any of his younger brothers. He is an appreciative student of Southern literature and occasionally breaks forth into song himself. He has also interested himself greatly in local history. His historical sketches under the general caption, "Old Times in Warren," are rare and beautiful descriptions of persons, places, policies and movements in one of the most interesting counties in our state. His history of the Tar River Baptist Association is nearing completion and will be published in the near future.

Throughout his ministry Dr. Taylor has been very gifted as a pastor-evangelist, and has held many successful revival meetings throughout North Carolina and in other states. His acquaintance therefore, is wide and varied and wherever he is known his friends rise up with the members of his own congregations to call him blessed and to wish for him many, many years of increasing usefulness and happiness among the good people who have long since come to think of him in a very real sense as their own.

No account of the work of this pastorate would be complete without at least a reference to two who have been silent partners in all that has been brought to pass. One of these, the beloved wife, sleeps sweetly in the Warrenton cemetery. The other, a much loved niece, with her sister, is still filling in a most worthy manner a place in this work which none other could fill and which beggars description. When the books are opened and the contents of that Other Book which is the Book of Life, shall become known, it will then be seen that his reward is that went forth to battle, so shall be also that of those who stood by the staff. The value of such a ministry and of such a home to any community can never be valued in the coin of earth.

W. R. CULLOM.

Program At Mrs. Watsons

Fifteen or more young people of the Methodist church in session Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Watson discussed with interest a social service club for the church and its sphere of helpful, optimistic work.

The meeting was called to order by W. Brodie Jones who after a few remarks introduced Mrs. E. S. Allen, secretary, under whose guidance the work is to take form. Mrs. Allen expressed the opinion that the young people would be glad to perform the different phases of the work as it was grouped and entrusted to their care and expected the co-operation of all in this undertaking.

Upon call of Mrs. Allen an interesting program was rendered. Mrs. R. T. Watson read the poem "Others" which was adopted as a motto for the club; Mrs. Beck read in interesting style an example of what "opening a heart and lending a hand" by a similar organization had meant to an unfortunate human derelict who was brought from the door of doubt to the crest of citizenship; Miss Mary Louise Allen attractively read the poem, "Let Me Live in The House By The Side of the Road and Be a Friend to Man"; a musical selection, "The Garden of Roses" was enjoyable rendered by Miss Ethel Allen, accompanied on the piano by Miss Lucy Burwell; Miss Sue Broom followed the musical treat with an interesting paper, and the program was concluded by Miss Mariam Boyd with an article upon the duty to the foreigners in our midst.

An informal discussion and social hour was enjoyed following the program and the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. E. S. Allen upon call of the secretary.

ORGANIZE A SWIMMING CLUB

Committee Appointed To Select Name For Warrenton's Summer Diversion

FUNDS TO BE SOLICITED CANVASS THIS AFTERNOON

Work To Commence At Early Date and Everything Made Ready For Enjoyment By Town's Swimmers.

Despite the inhuman prank of the weather man many interested people met Wednesday afternoon at six in the Court Room to make plans for the old swimming hole this year.

The meeting was called to order by W. Brodie Jones and the following officers elected: W. N. Boyd, president; Mrs. M. C. McGuire, vice-president; S. E. Burroughs, secretary-treasurer; E. E. Gillam, M. C. McGuire, William Boyd, E. L. Green, W. Brodie Jones, executive committee in charge of construction; Mrs. M. C. McGuire, Mrs. Mary Eleanor Grant and Miss Virginia Gibbs, as committee to select name for the organization; Rev. E. W. Baxter, Mrs. M. C. McGuire, Miss Lulie Price, M. C. McGuire and W. Brodie Jones, committee on membership and finance.

The meeting was enlivened by the wit of Hon. Tasker Polk, Rev. E. W. Baxter, frequent contributions from the ladies and others making a gale of mirth pervade the atmosphere. The general idea of the club was to better facilitate the necessary labor and give some basis upon which to work.

It was decided that \$2.00 should represent the dues and the additional funds needed would be raised by the committee on membership and finance. People of the entire town are solicited by this committee as members of the club and the idea prevalent at the meeting was to make it a town affair for the enjoyment of all its people.

The committee on membership is to make a canvass for members and funds today and the work is to be immediately pushed. The following people presented at the meeting yesterday affiliated with the summertime joy splasers:

Lucy Williams, Edith Burwell, Dr. Walters, Mrs. Walters, Dorothy Walters, R. B. Green, E. W. Baxter, Mrs. Baxter, W. H. Burroughs, E. E. Gillam, Roy G. Daniel, William Polk, Howard Jones, Bignall Jones, W. Brodie Jones, Byrd Jones, Will Jones, Virginia Gibbs, Mrs. M. E. Grant, M. C. McGuire, Mrs. M. C. McGuire, Jas. Polk, Mary Russell Burroughs, Tasker Polk, Lulie Price, Fair Polk, S. E. Burroughs.

"AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

Little Jane was busy figuring, when dad came in and told her she had better move up closer to the light. Mother, who was darning stockings, looked up and moved her own chair to make room for Jane and dad near the lamp.

Dad looked at Jane and her papers covered with figures and said: "What are you doing, girl? Not arithmetic?"

"Yes," replied Jane; "I've just been figuring on a problem teacher gave us today," and she went on carefully making large wobbly figures with her pencil.

"At last she stopped and sighed. Dad was filling his pipe and looked up with another question: "If you're through figuring, tell me what it's all about."

"Oh," said Jane, "I've just been figuring up how many steps mother would save in a year if we had water piped into the kitchen and she didn't have to go out to the well every time she wanted a bucketful."

"Well, how many steps would mother save?" asked dad.

"If she made only three trips a day to the well she'd save 63,510 steps in a year by having a tap in the kitchen, said Jane.

"Let's see your figures," said dad, and after he'd seen them he began to do some figuring himself, and his figures were not about steps, but about pipe and tanks and dollars and cents—and mother will not have to take the 63,510 steps this year.—Extension Farm News.

The friends of Mr. Harry Williams are pleased to have him in town.

FAIL TO GET STILL BUT DESTROY FERMENTERS

Deputy sheriff W. C. Ellington and Chief E. L. Green made another raid in the Fork neighborhood Wednesday afternoon and night in search of a moonshine outfit. The quest was partially successful but the still could not be located. It is presumed that this was moved upon report of the raid reaching the operators before the officers could make the trip.

Eight fermenters and three barrels of beer were destroyed. The site indicated that extensive operations in the lightning beverage trade had been conducted. Everything which could be of any possible service in the illicit trade was destroyed by the officers before their return here.

A BIG COTTON CROP IN 1920 MAY SPELL DISASTER

In the face of all the present obstacles to our export trade the South is preparing to pitch the largest cotton crop possible, with the least feed and food supplies in her history.

If Southern agriculture was ever in a critical stage of its development it is this spring of 1920. With a large cotton crop, it is absurd to state that we cannot produce and gather a large cotton crop under favorable weather conditions, with high priced feeds to make this crop and a short production of feed crops in 1920 necessitating buying feeds to make the cotton crop of 1921, can anyone fail to see what the results will be to Southern agriculture and Southern business prosperity?

If there ever was a time when those who give thought and study to agricultural questions should exert every effort toward inducing the planting of a large acreage in feed and food crops, it is in this year of 1920. In fact, it is now much more important than even during the war.—The Progressive Farmer.

A STARTLING STATEMENT

At a recent meeting of the American Public Health Association in New York Dr. W. S. Rankin, the president, made some startling statements with reference to the physical and mental health of the population of this country.

Of the 110,000,000 citizens of this country, 45,000,000 are physically imperfect; 15,000,000 die annually; 3,000,000 are in bed all the time, 1,000,000 have tuberculosis, 2,500,000 contract venereal diseases each year, 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 are cases of hookworm and malaria. Only 37,500,000 are fairly healthy and 19,500,000 are in full vigor. With all our vaunted support of higher educational institutions—(Continued On Fourth Page)

OPERA HOUSE NEXT WEEK

THE LYCEUM SINGERS.

Everybody likes to hear a good male quartette. There is a fascination about their singing that is found in no other organization. We don't know what that "something" is, but we must all admit that it does exist.

In planning the organization of the Lyceum Singers two things were kept in mind. First, to secure four fine vocalists, artists of experience who could



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sing together, making their ensemble numbers a real feature. Second, to build a program that would be essentially a Lyceum character. That is, it must have quality, and a good measure of variety, so as to make it appeal to all classes that make up the average Lyceum audience.

The vocal part of the program is emphasized, with the instrumental features in second place, and used to give variety and novelty, though the members of the quartette excel in their instrumental work.

There will be lots of action, plenty of fun, and enough variety to suit the taste of the musically educated and the casual concert goer.

REPORT CONDITION CROPS

Indications That Tobacco Will Represent As Much Acreage As Past Year

COTTON CROP TO BE CUT ON ACCOUNT OF LABOR

Central Wheat Crop Good But Western Crop Poor; Rye Up To Normal; Discussion Wage On Farms.

"The shortage of farm labor in North Carolina is the chief concern of the farmers at this season. Farm wages have advanced until they average \$47.78 per month without board. Good cultivated lands average \$91.34, and all farm lands, exclusive of improvements, average \$55.37 per acre. Breeding hogs decreased eight per cent in number since one year ago. Excepting that tobacco will again be considerably increased and grains decreased, the intended total crop acreage will be about two per cent less than last year. The condition of winter grain crops is good, averaging eighty-eight percent of a normal or "full crop."

"According to reports from more than two thousand farmers, the labor supply is about thirteen per cent short of last year and thirty less than the usual. The greatest deficiency is reported from the central or Piedmont territory where grain crops are grown. The shortage also extends to the efficiency and working hours of labor along with increase in the wages paid. It is no idle dream that the farmers are "up against it," as they cannot be expected to make a living income from crops with no one but themselves and children to produce enough to feed themselves and the other half of the non-food-producing world, under present conditions. There is a distinct and growing undercurrent of discontent and indifference that should be taken as a warning, lest the food production be further greatly decreased, in the face of greater requirements. The tendency is to produce the cash crops, such as tobacco and cotton. Grains do not promise a market value sufficient to make them profitable crops.

"Some think that a monthly farm wage of \$48.00 is low, in comparison with wages paid in towns. Perhaps so, but on the farms there are furnished additionally a house, wood, garden, a team and implements to use when needed. Much of their "free" food supplies also come from the orchard and fields.

"The present wheat crop shows the best condition in the central Piedmont, and the poorest along the central mountain counties. The condition of the rye crop is about the same as that of wheat.

"The high costs of feeds, housing and labor makes it unprofitable to produce pork at the recent market prices. This has led to an estimated eight per cent decrease in the breeding sows.

"The high prices of tobacco, supported by the heavy demands for the North Carolina bright leaf, has had its effect on our farmers. Plant beds are in evidence everywhere. The increase of fifteen per cent last year is expected to be again equalled.

"Grain crops show decreases, on account of the low yields and crop value returns of the past few years.

"Cotton will occupy about the same acreage as last year. The labor supply will hold down any increase.

"The cold and wet conditions of March further belated farm work. Since the middle of the month conditions have been better, although interrupted by frequent rain. The cold wave on the sixth to eighth of April probably damaged the peach crop considerably, but apples were not enough advanced to be affected."

Reported by the Director and Field Agent.

A STARTLING STATEMENT

Fire losses in the United States for March, according to the journal of Commerce and Financial Bulletin, totaled \$27,597,700 against \$22,201,900.00 in 1919 and \$20,213,980.00 in 1918. The loss for the first three months is \$91,241,950.00 for 1920; \$78,540,175.00 for 1919; \$78,477,235 for 1918. The total annual fires for the latest statistical years are:—1919, \$260,000,775.00; 1918, —\$317,014,385.

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