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That Justice May Ever Have A Champion; That Evil Shall Not Flourish Unchallenged.

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Therefore beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch that ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.—1 Corinthians 15:58.

The books which help you most are those which make you think most. The hardest way of learning is by easy reading; but a great book that comes from a great thinker is a ship of thought, deep freighted with truth and with beauty.—Theodore Parker.

PENNIES SAVED AT THE COST OF LIVES

That people may starve because there have always been starving people; that people may go through life blind and maimed because there have always been the blind and crippled; that babies may pay with their lives the price of ignorance because ignorance has always reaped a terrible toll of infant lives may be sufficient reason for an uncivilized and barbarous people to neglect human welfare, but it will always stand as an indictment of a civilized community.

That people may have got along for generations without "newfangled" measures and agencies may have been sufficient excuse when they knew no better, but in the light of new knowledge and changing conditions such excuses should no longer suffice. Truth should make one a slave to right.

A technicality overcame the demand that the services of the welfare officer be discontinued in the name of economy and she will continue her work of relief among the poor and needy. But only the public conscience stood in the way of the dismissal of the county nurse. That was not sufficient to overcome a cut in the State appropriation plus a demand for lower taxes.

And the man in the street and on the farm as he jingles a few pennies saved in his taxes may try to save his conscience by the reflection that the nurse's work did not matter. Across such conscience balm cuts the testimony of county physicians that bloodpoison has practically disappeared in natal cases since the nurse has been supervising midwives. And across the conscience of us all lies the knowledge that now young expectant mothers, too poor to go to hospitals, to even have the assistance of a physician, may be left to the care of a superstitious, uninstructed, unsupervised and unsanitary midwife.

Our taxes will be lower this year but it is a saving that will be paid for with the lives of young mothers and babies, in anguish and with tears, unless something can be done to carry on this most important phase of health work.

"The Poor Ye Have With Ye Always," may be interpreted by one class as meaning there have always been and always will be poor people: but it will occur to another class that the Master was pointing out a field of labor in His service.

JUST KIDS

By Ad Carter



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REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

Greensboro Daily News. Most of us not wholly non-sentimental live and learn, and there is a bit of comfort in discovering that the county commissioners of North Carolina are not an exception to this rule. The State convention of this group, probably urged to it by Charles M. Johnson, of the county government advisory commission, has gone on record as opposed to the quadrennial assessment of real estate for taxation.

The strange thing about this action is that the commissioners waited beyond their first state meeting to adopt resolutions or in some other fashion express their disapproval of this old American custom. If there is one item of public business which will not conform to the four-year plan is the assessment of houses, lots, stores and filling stations. As to a house the basement may fill with water or an undesirable neighbor move in next door; business is easily diverted from a store or filling station by a change in the routing of a highway. One man's property gets on the books at a valuation all out of proportion to that of other residents of the same community. There is no way of being absolutely certain that any appraisal is wholly fair at the time it is made; certainly none would contend that he can determine values four years ahead.

Revisions are constantly being made both up and down. If it is wrong to put an unfair burden on a citizen and refuse to lighten or adjust it for four years, it is equally bad to give another the edge for the same length of time. Realizing this, the commissioners have always reopened any case almost at the will of the taxpayer; but sentiment being what it is most of the readjustments have been made in favor of the individual and few for the benefit of the community.

Unquestionably the thing to do is remove all inhibitions as to assessments and make them as of the present.

Public Pulse

Readers are invited to contribute to this department. Articles should be written as briefly as possible.

"SNOUTS IN THE TROUGH"

From The News and Observer. To the Editor—Under "Incidentally," a column ably edited by Nell Battle Lewis, appeared this title and paragraph in your issue of August 7, 1932.

Is it possible that Miss Lewis appreciated thoroughly her cutting title? Reared in the urban environments of aristocratic Raleigh, far removed from an atmosphere of swine, can she really know what "Snouts in the trough" conveys? It is a suggestive title. We recall memories of farm scenes and feeding the pigs. We recall the big pigs in their eager quest for rations literally rooting from the trough the little pigs. This title is applied to the veterans of 1917-1918 in their alleged raids on the Federal Treasury.

We are with the veterans. If the Federal Government can, through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and other governmental agencies, set up over \$2,000,000,000

for the relief of banks and railroads, many of which have been plundered from the inside, then let the government come to the aid of the suffering veterans. If they were heroes and saviors of civilization in 1917-1918, then they deserve more than "fire, gas and the sword" in 1932, even though in some cases they spend their Federal help on unnecessary automobiles and "Karolina korn."

JNO. B. PALMER, Warrenton, N. C.

IN LITTLE OLD NEW YORK CARL H. GETZ

Mosquito-repellant stockings are being worn by some women in New York. The stockings are ordinary silk hose which have been dipped in a chemical which discourages the mosquito but does not bother the wearer.

Three million persons in New York are members of churches.

A year ago the average grocery account in New York totaled \$25 a week. Today it is \$17.

Leaping from high places and the taking of gas are displacing other means of self-destruction in New York. Fifteen hundred men and women committed suicide in this city last year. Most suicides occur on Tuesday.

Few buildings in New York have a floor number thirteen. Numbers of floors usually jump from 12 to 14.

On suburban trains to and from New York, 98 out of every 100 passengers will be seen reading a newspaper. New Yorkers are the greatest newspaper reading people in the world.

On the boulevards leading to and from New York street merchants congregate wherever there is a traffic light. When the red light flashes and cars are stopped the vendors get busy. They sell leather, inflated balls, white linen caps, pretzels, chocolate-covered ice-cream, fruit and what not.

It is estimated that more than three million electric light globes are in use in New York City.

It has been estimated that New Yorkers consume 17,000,000 cigarettes a day.

The other day we saw a faded and drooping gardenia in the ragged buttonhole of a Bowery derelict.

Queensboro Bridge in New York, extending from Manhattan Island to Long Island, is 7636 feet long and costs \$25,000,000. It sees heavier traffic than any bridge in the world.

The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel facilities include a private railroad siding underneath the hotel where guests fortunate enough to own private cars, may leave them.

On September 9, 1928, 85,265 fans crowded their way into the Yankee Stadium, New York, to see a double header between the New York Yankees and the Philadelphia Athletics. That's the largest crowd which has ever witnessed a baseball game.

MOSTLY PERSONAL

Claude Hathcock was chauffeur of the car in which I accompanied the group of farmers on their trip through the county on Wednesday. Other passengers were David, Frances and Harry Limer. I didn't mind the Limers laughing at the ignorance I displayed when I asked questions about crops, but was forced to tell Claude that he could not afford to laugh as he was a life insurance agent and not a farmer. Claude insisted that he was a farmer for the "field day at least."

Probably the prettiest cotton we saw was at the farm of R. A. King. Mr. King remarked that the cotton inspected was about the worst that he had on his farm. The prize for corn would go to Harry and Frances Limer. No close inspection was made of tobacco fields, but in riding by it was easy to see that Walter Smiley had a splendid crop and that Jim Frazier was living up to his reputation as a tobacco farmer. Several fields of good tobacco were found in the Afton-Elberon section where crops as a whole were the best of any territory inspected. Lack of rain was reflected in every section, but crops were pretty good in spite of this fact.

As the noon hour approached and passed, the stock joke at the home of each farm visited, was the suggestion that there was no need of going to the barbecue as the crowd would be glad to eat dinner with the farmer host. The usual rejoinder of the host was that he was sorry but that dinner had just been served.

As the group was pulling away from the home of Harry Limer, Harry was found to be missing. His brother, Frances, said there was no need of looking for him as he would not show up until the crowd left. This was made after several requests that Harry serve dinner to the fifty-odd farmers present.

The German blood in Kasper Kilian was revealed as he and I walked through the stable of one of the farms visited. "This stable is too small for such a large farm," Mr. Kilian said. A German proverb reads, "A fine house will never build a fine stable; but a fine stable will build a fine house."

Worth Hathcock easily came in for the most joshing of any of the group. When pictures were made his friends begged him not to expose himself as the camera would not stand the strain. Later at the home of Harry Limer it was suggested that Mr. Hathcock pose with a bull being displayed. As he is above the average in looks the natural conclusion is that Mr. Hathcock is very popular with his farmer friends, and extremely good natured.

I don't claim to know much about farming, but I am intensely interested in agriculture and the well-being of the county, dependent upon the success of the farmers. So I enjoyed the inspection trip immensely, and also was able to do full justice to the barbecue and brunswick stew. I concurred with a remark made by Harry Limer as we journeyed from the 'cue to Warrenton. "The only complaint that I could possibly make," Harry said, "is that they don't have these days more often."

Weekly Bible Lesson

By DR. J. T. GIBBS

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down and when thou riseth up.—Deuteronomy 6:7.

The end of the law is obedience, and the words of this law we are to teach diligently to our children. It is by the training of these young lives that there is help for them as with men everywhere they grope in more or less darkness feeling after God. In all lands and in all times the human soul has recognized duties more sacred than life itself. Confucius taught that men should not do to others as they would not be done by. Buddha counseled men to love all living things. Socrates died for the truth. We are to teach our children to love God and keep His Commandments.

This teaching should begin at the mother's knee before the little prattler can say, "Now I lay me down to sleep." It should begin before he can stand at his mother's knee, for her smile should have something of God in it. The father should join with the mother in making it a Christian home into which the infant comes. What shall we think of a father who provides for the nourishment of the child's body and the training of its mind, but has no word of cheer nor conscious act of example for its soul? Is it for this that God has placed the infant, the child and the youth in our care as parents? Let us not forget the family altars at which we kneel when our own fathers and mothers were in the flesh.

If we mean to teach our children diligently in the things of God we will surely teach them by example as well as by word. If we tell the child to love God, and he sees nothing in our lives to show him that we love God, can we say that we have taught him very diligently? But if the mother is diligent in teaching her child of God and the father reads aloud God's word and explains its meaning, then God has some place in that child's heart. And if these parents continually show a Christian spirit a hedge is raised about the child to ward off evil communication. But there is another teaching tool

begun at an early age. The Sunday school, with its trained teachers, is a place where God's word is systematically studied. So is the church in which God's word is preached. The gathering with other people to worship, the public prayer and singing are a means of grace that no child should miss. The God of the home is God also of the larger worlds. Let your children learn this by regular attendance at Sunday school and church. Diligent teaching of children involves their education. The State is not expected to teach religion, and should not teach sectarianism; but there should be in all the schools that which tends toward making the kind of man or woman in whom is found the highest integrity. Knowledge may be taught those willing to receive it, and with sufficient effort may be forced into unwilling minds. But education is the drawing out of the forces of the inner man, and the scholar does quickly and easily what the uneducated accomplish slowly and with much labor. In body, mind and soul the capacity in him has been developed and trained.

There is a religious significance in the fact that it is a little over three times as far around a circle as it is straight through, because it is only one of the innumerable laws of mathematics. Who can spend months and even years in studying these unchanging laws and believe that it is all an accident—something that has just happened? Look up in the clear sky of a cloudless night. Your books of science will tell you that every one of those stars are moving along a course more regular than was ever laid out by an engineer. Ask your scientist to mix two chemicals and see what will happen—he tells you that he knows already. There isn't any guess work about chemistry. If you inquire of him he will tell you the date of the next eclipse of the sun not to the minute only, but to the second. The child should be taught that all this is the handiwork of an unchanging God, and cannot otherwise be satisfactorily explained. The oaks and pines of Warrenton need our climate in which to grow up and develop into trees which we are proud, and not

the atmosphere of the north so our children need to be gently taught the things of God and live in a Christian atmosphere that they may grow and develop sturdy Christian character.

Retrospective

The Warren Record five years ago said: The descendants of the late Mrs. Bobbitt held their regular reunion at the home of the eldest daughter, Mrs. T. E. Powell. Mrs. Virginia Pearsall, Mrs. Gibbs and Miss Will Jones departed today for Sanford where they attend the wedding of Miss Adams to Mr. John Davenport. Mrs. Hope Powell of Buffalo, N. Y., is a guest in the home of Mrs. H. N. Walters. The Misses Laura and Taylor Boyd of Warrenton, and Miss Taylor of Sudan, Va., are spending a few days at White Lake. The Colored Firemen's Association of North Carolina concluded its annual convention after three days and nights of making merry.

The State Farmers Convention will be held at State College in the week beginning August 2. Warren W. Watson of Lake Lenoing, Hyde county, is president of the organization.

Approximately 550 club boys and girls from the various North Carolina counties attended the annual 4-H club short course at State College last week.

Limestone and legumes is a good farm program for the fall especially since the present dry weather will likely cause a shortage of hay and other feed.

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