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## FOOTBALL AND ACCIDENTS.

Last week Everett Nelson, a local boy who is a member of the local junior football team, had the misfortune to break his leg in a football game in Goldsboro. In commenting upon the accident, his father expressed himself as follows:

"If the boy was able to play tomorrow I'd give my consent to his getting into the game. I figure that the benefits a boy receives from playing football more than make up for the occasional accidents that occur."

Mr. Nelson has the right idea. There are many parents who will not permit their boys to play football because "the game is too rough."

It is true that there is plenty of action in the game and that it doesn't cater to weaklings or sissies. It requires considerable physical prowess to turn a boy into a good player. In addition, he must undergo a period of strict training and must learn to obey orders and move when he is told to move. The game teaches him courage and inspires in him a determination to do his utmost, regardless of what the odds against him may be.

Yes, there are accidents from time to time. You read in the papers of players getting their collar-bones broken or a rib cracked. But do you know of anything a boy can do which does not render him liable to an accident of some sort or other?

Parents who refuse to let their boys play because of the "danger," are doing the youths an injustice. Take ten boys at random in the fourth grade and they are pretty much alike, as far as their physical condition is concerned. Let five of those boys play football while the other five stay out of the game and by the time they are in high school you will notice a marked difference in them. This difference grows even more noticeable as they grow older. The mental, moral and physical training which a boy receives while playing the game remain with him during his whole life.

Over eighty miners killed in an explosion in Alabama. That sort of thing seems to be getting altogether too frequent. The Alabama incident is the third great disaster of its kind to have happened within the past month.

## CLEMENCEAU'S TACTICS.

America has a warm feeling for M. Clemenceau, former French premier, who is now making a visit to this country for the purpose of bringing about a closer understanding between America and France.

M. Clemenceau is a great man. He is one of the greatest men France ever has produced and he rendered his country noble service during the World War. America is ready to pay him recognition on this account.

But it would seem that the great French leader is pursuing the wrong tactics and is in danger of doing more harm than good for his country.

Our people are always complaining about Congress. We enjoy finding fault with our senators and representatives. We don't hesitate to criticize them severely when we feel that the occasion demands it. But in this connection we are like the father who had three boys and who whipped them whenever they got into mischief. One day the boys annoyed a neighbor and the latter proceeded to do a little whipping on his own account. The father witnessed the incident and he rushed into the fracas and mauled the neighbor until he was black and blue.

We don't like for outsiders to find fault with the men whom we have selected to represent us. M. Clemenceau, in arguing with Senators Hitchcock, Borah and others, is liable to defeat the very purpose he is trying to achieve. America loves France and is ready to do everything for her, and the "Tiger" should recognize this fact. Instead of stirring up argument he should pay no attention to those who are trying to bait him and cause him to lose his temper. If he intends replying to every criticism that is expressed relative to his speeches and if he intends to deal at length with those who oppose the purpose of his visit to this country, he will accomplish nothing. In fact, it would have been far better for France if she had kept him at home.

New Bern stores are beginning to display Christmas gift suggestions. It isn't too early to begin your shopping. You will find the local establishments well stocked with a wide variety of gifts.

## WITH OTHER EDITORS

### Business is Better

During the last thirty days, commercial and industrial activity has reflected the usual stimulation of fall and winter demand. Retail trade in the larger cities is more active than at the corresponding period of last year, and seasonal acceleration is evident throughout the country. Uncertainty as to the volume of purchases by the farmers of the grain and livestock states has not been dispelled, however. Wholesale trade has been active throughout the current period. Stocks of many kinds of goods in the hands both of wholesale and retail dealers are light, but neither this fact nor threats of higher prices have been sufficient to induce buyers to make substantial forward purchases. The conservation shown justifies the belief that the catastrophe of 1922 has not been forgotten.

The woolen and worsted industry is at between 80 and 85 per cent of capacity. Boot and shoe manufacturers range from 80 per cent in New England to capacity at St. Louis. Cotton consumption in October was 533,950 bales, compared with 494,745 and 401,325 bales in October 1921 and 1920, respectively. October output of automobiles made a new high record for that month. Building is exceptionally active for the season, this condition being reflected in the various industries producing building materials.—Gastonia Gazette.

### The Changing Charlotte View

The Observer has been glancing out its port window watching the steel frame work of the new hotel rising in the air and felicitating itself that in time to come it would have an always inspiring spectacle to gaze upon and to draw inspiration from, when, behold! from a low-lying roof in the foreground across the street pops up the steel beams of an intervening office building. So rapidly does the outlook from any office window in the town change, that we do not know one day what change another day may develop.—Charlotte Observer.

### SEARCHING FOR BODY OF MISSING PROMOTER

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 24.—While Mrs. Nina Hepler aided in dragging the river at Martin's Ferry near here for the body of her husband, A. H. Hepler, whom she reported had been drowned when their automobile left the road and plunged into the water, Chief Edward H. Land, of the Martin's Ferry police, expressed doubt that the man had met death in the river. Both Hepler and his wife, who gained distinction from their operation of a squab farm which netted a fortune, are under indictment at Butler, Pa., for alleged irregular stock transactions.

## THE TOWN GOSSIP

THE PHONE began ringing.  
SHORTLY AFTER three o'clock.  
AND IT seemed.  
AS THOUGH everybody in town.  
WANTED TO know.  
HOW THE football game,  
OVER IN Goldsboro,  
WAS COMING along.  
AND EVERY time.  
I PICKED up the receiver.  
I WOULD be greeted.  
WITH THE same inquiry:  
"CAN YOU tell me the score?"  
AND THE . . . came.  
SO THICK and fast.  
THAT AFTER a while.  
I DIDN'T stop to say Hello.  
OR ANYTHING else.  
BUT I'D just pick up.  
THE RECEIVER.  
AND WITHOUT waiting.  
FOR THE party.  
AT THE other end of the line.  
TO SAY anything.  
I'D TELL them the score.  
AND THEN hang up.  
AND OCCASIONALLY.  
I WOULD hear a "Thank You."  
BUT THAT was all.  
AND I imagine.  
THAT OVER three hundred people.  
MADE CALLS during the course.  
OF THE evening.  
AND ABOUT five o'clock.  
A MAN came in.  
AND WALKED up.  
TO MY desk.  
AND WANTED to know.  
IF MR. Dawson.

WAS AROUND the office.  
AND I told him.  
THAT HE wasn't.  
AND THAT he had gone.  
EARLIER IN the day.  
OVER TO Goldsboro.  
AND HE said.  
THAT HE'D come in later.  
AND AS he was going out.  
HE TURNED around and said:  
"I TRIED to call you up.  
"FIVE DIFFERENT times.  
"THIS AFTERNOON.  
"BUT CENTRAL must have made.  
"A WRONG connection.  
"OR ELSE wires were crossed.  
"BECAUSE EVERY single time.  
"THAT I attempted to get you.  
"SOMEBODY WOULD holler:  
" THIRTY-ONE TO nothing.  
" IN FAVOR of New Bern."  
"AND IT must have been.  
"SOME DARNED fool.  
"GIVING THE football score.  
"OVER THE long distance wire."  
AND I told him.  
IT PROBABLY was.  
AND FAILED to enlighten him.  
AS TO who the darned fool was.  
BECAUSE I figured out.  
WHAT HE didn't know.  
WOULDN'T DO him.  
ANY PARTICULAR harm.  
I THANK you.  
G. O. D. AMBULANCES.  
LONDON, Nov. 24.—Provincial hospitals now refuse to send out ambulances unless payment on their arrival is guaranteed.  
Pork costs the most after it is made into chicken salad.

## ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER

**THANKSGIVING COMING**  
Folks are beginning to go into training for Thanksgiving. That's one day in the year when the entire country pauses to declare war on turkey.  
Pilgrim Fathers were responsible for the custom of eating a gobbler on Thanksgiving Day. All they had to do was to stand on the back porch and shoot down a turkey or two after breakfast.  
Things have changed since those days. When a man shoots from his back porch now-a-days it is usually a sign that somebody is trying to steal his turkey.  
Lots of people like to invite folks to share Thanksgiving dinner with them. This is done so that the host can ask the visitor whether he likes to eat the neck. Naturally, the visitor has to answer that he doesn't mind, with the result that it is shovelled on his plate.  
If it wasn't for the visitor the host might have to eat it himself.  
Cranberries are an essential part of Thanksgiving dinner. They were put on the menu to test the temper of the hostess. If she can laugh and tell a joke when a dish of cranberries is upset on her best linen table-cloth, it's a sign that she is good-natured.  
If it's her husband who is responsible for the accident, however, there is likely to be another chapter added a little later on when the visitors are not within hearing distance.  
Father is beginning to practice up on his carving. It's always a joy and a privilege to watch the Old Man chase the turkey all over the table, upsetting the gravy-dish and rolling the potatoes on the floor.  
Add so much to the pleasures of the day, is it not?  
A dull knife and a tough turkey has helped to break up more than one happy home and send more than one man to the insane asylum.  
The height of bad diplomacy is to laugh when the Head of the House bears down a little too hard on the knife and squirts some of the dressing into his eye.  
Thanksgiving is also recognized as the day on which we ought to be thankful. If you can't be thankful for the things you have, you can at least be thankful for the things you haven't.

# The People Called Baptist WHAT THEY BELIEVE

1. Jesus Christ is man's only Saviour.
2. Spiritual regeneration, through faith in Jesus Christ, is necessary to salvation.
3. Church membership should be composed of only converted and baptized persons.
4. The direct personal approach of man to God without any earthly mediator.
5. The supreme sovereignty of Jesus in all matters of the soul.
6. Man's direct personal responsibility and accountability to God.
7. Absolute independence of church and state.
8. Full religious liberty for all, Jew and Gentile alike.
9. Self-determination in all religious matters for all individuals and churches without any overhead direction or control.
10. The Bible, without any subtractions or amendments, the only authoritative guide for Christians.

### WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Southern Baptists, 3,284,364 of them, are today seeking to carry out the whole program of Jesus Christ to the whole world in the preaching and application of the Gospel in 16 foreign countries, representing every side of the globe and having a combined population of 900,000,000.

Through their State and Home Mission operations they are seeking to evangelize, develop and up-lift all the people in our State and Southland who need it.

They are supporting 119 academies, colleges and seminaries for the training of special Christian workers.

They own and control 19 hospitals, where thousands of patients are treated annually under Christian auspices.

In their orphanages thousands of fatherless children are being cared for and trained for Christian citizenship.

Through the Relief and Annuity Board over 800 aged ministers and their dependent loved ones are being cheered and aided in their old age.

### NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS.

313,594 strong, are taking a worthy part in this great program. Through their 2,300 churches, with their auxiliary organizations—2,225 Sunday Schools, 2,276 W. M. U. organizations, 1,012 B. Y. P. U.

organizations—and through their four colleges and thirteen high schools, the Thomasville Orphanage and the hospital at Winston-Salem, now nearing completion, they are co-operating loyally and effectively with their brethren and sisters in other sections of the country in saving and uplifting a lost world from the depths of sin and ruin and eternal death.

### 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN.

Three years ago Southern Baptists launched a great forward movement. They pledged to raise within a period of five years over 92 million dollars instead of 75 million, as at first proposed. At the end of the first half of the campaign last May, over \$35,000,000 had been raised, three times as much as any like period. More than 500,000 new members had been added to their churches and every institution at home and abroad greatly strengthened. In the past three years North Carolina Baptists have given for the objects of the campaign \$3,000,000. This is greatly in excess of what they ever did before in three years.

### A HALF MILLION MORE.

Must be raised by North Carolina Baptists by December 3, the end of the Reinforcement Campaign, to meet the barest needs and save from embarrassment, not to say disaster, the objects included in the campaign, viz: State, Home and Foreign Missions, the Orphanage, Christian Education, Old Ministers' Relief and Hospitals.

ALL PLEDGES PAID, AND A WORTHY CASH OFFERING AND A PLEDGE FROM EVERY BAPTIST IN THE STATE WHO DID NOT MAKE A PLEDGE IN THE ORIGINAL CAMPAIGN BY DECEMBER 3 WILL SAVE THE DAY.

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