

Tobacco Magnate to Transform Orphans' Poverty Into Riches



Wellington, Tex., Aug. 21.—Amid the squalor of a tiny shack on the broad plains of the Texas Panhandle, an old white-haired grandmother once told two little orphan girls the childhood story of Cinderella.

With poverty on all sides, the little girls, Essie Lee Barton, 6, and Jessie Barton, 4, never dreamed that some day they would suddenly have wealth and all that it buys thrust upon them, almost in the fairylike fashion of Cinderella.

But a wealthy uncle back in North Carolina is making the Cinderella story come true for them.

He is Ben Duke, son of Washington Duke, who made millions in tobacco. Ben Duke is a brother of J. B. Duke, who recently gave \$40,000, 000 to a North Carolina college.

Recently Ben Duke said he intended to make all his relatives rich before his death. And he has just found that the two poor little orphan girls out on the Texas plains are distantly related to him by marriage.

So he has sent \$1,000 to Grandma Simpson, who cares for the children, to gather information about them and to end their poverty.

More money is promised later.

Already Duke has sent \$10,000 each to R. W. and James Duke, two second cousins, who have ranches near here.

One grandmother of the orphans who died at Wellington several years ago, was Mrs. Sally Barton, was related to Washington Duke by marriage and used to help him pick tobacco on his North Carolina plantation before he amassed his huge fortune.

When the great emigration to the west began, the Barton family and one branch of the Duke family resolved to seek their fortunes in Texas.

But while the Duke family was making millions in North Carolina, their relatives out west were having a long, hard struggle for existence. Misfortune seemed to pile on misfortune, and a few years ago the two little Barton girls were left orphans.

Ben Duke has suggested that the girls be put in one of his orphan homes in North Carolina, but Grandma Simpson immediately wrote she would not stand for that.

"I'll raise them here in poverty and give them a schooling myself before I'll send them to a home," she says.

Grandma Simpson is not the children's "grandma" but they always call her that because she has cared for them since babyhood.

Above are Essie Lee and Jessie Barton, playing with two dolls and a Long Texas shotgun. Grandma Simpson, who has cared for them is at their right. Below is the tiny shack which is their present home.

This Glorious Land.
Editor and Publisher.

Newspaper men who have their fingers on the pulse beats of national business tell a remarkable story in this issue of Editor and Publisher.

Our wonderful motherland again yields flowing breasts to her children, thrice richly blessed. This is not prosperity, it is luxury when taken in relation to the average material comfort of the peoples of the world.

Abundant crops, in instances exceeding the yields of all previous time, and with prices which compensate both grower and seller, are everywhere in evidence. As the major portion of our wealth springs directly from the soil stimulated trading in every branch of industry is already noted. Banking conditions are excellent. Building statistics show remarkable development across the country. Merchants are stocking for a big Fall trade. Newspaper lineage records indicate a fresh flow of the very best quality of business.

There is something humorous in the message of one of our contributors who tells of a local drought damaging to crops, but in his next breath reveals that a new oil pool has been brought in and all that is lost in a crop failure is regained by a gush of golden liquid mineral. How typical is that story of this magnificent land!

These survey statements from the States and Sister Canada ring the bell for Autumn and Winter trade, and indicate as surely as that tomorrow's sun will rise that 1925 is to be one of the banner success years of our history. They should give new strength to every willing worker in the newspaper and advertising industry. So kind and indulgent a mother as America richly deserves our gratitude, in practical terms of duty well met.

The Ubiquitous Mr. Borglum.
Raleigh Times.

Comes word that Gutzon Borglum, who is reported to have selected a cliff near Chimney Rock upon which to carve the Confederate memorial which he designed for Stone Mountain, also the face of Woodrow Wilson, has engaged himself to grave Washington and Lincoln side by side on a mountain in South Dakota. We heard some talk a little while since that Mr. Borglum was going to Turkey to confer with Kemal Pasha in regard to some mammoth monument which the Turkish government desires to have done.

What a pity the late Mr. Brownings—it's Robert, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth, not Daddy, the adopter of Mary Louise, we are talking about—Andrea del Sarto could not have met Gutzon. "Ah," said Andrea, "but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" Mr. Borglum has just about secured a monopoly of all the stone mountains, except the one near Atlanta and Gibraltar. His friends of the press have committed him to enough work to keep an ordinary sculptor busy for the next 250 years. He is the out-reaching artist ever seen in these parts.

We reckon it is all right, though. Gutzon's is an expansive extensive personality, and maybe he can be in two or three places at the same time. Anyhow, it need not trouble those of us who are not going to sharpen his chisel or hold his drill for him.

A pretty good idea, however, for those who wish to see some sort of memorial to the Confederacy carved in stone would be to place their order for some Stone Mountain memorial half-dollars.

The Fur Reunion.
On the 28th of August, 1925, the Fur reunion will be held at the Wilson Fur place near the Teeter bridge. Everybody is invited to come and bring well filled baskets and enjoy the day. R. B. FURR.

The year 1925 seems likely to be a record-breaking year for American swimmers, both literally and figuratively.

The first Davis cup series was played just 25 years ago and was won by the United States by a 5-0 score.

He'll Preside

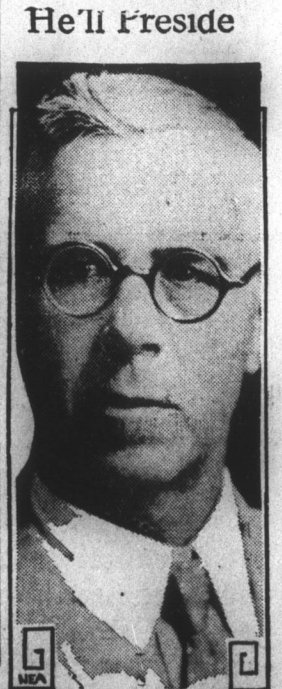
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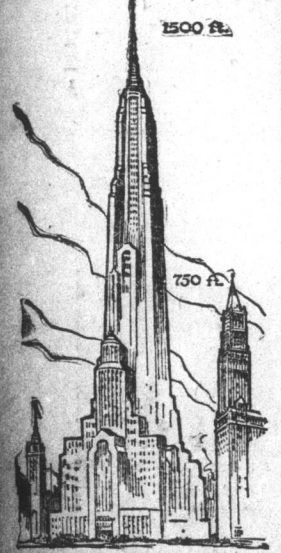
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When rural mail carriers meet in convention in Cleveland Aug. 24 to fight out the question of becoming affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, A. P. Lang, president of the organization will handle the gavel and see that each speaker speaks in his turn. Lang's home is in Pleasantville, O., where he "covers" his route each day. He is opposed to affiliation with the A. P. of L. He is serving his third term as president of the association.

What the World Is Doing

As Seen by Popular Mechanics Magazine



Height of Future Skyscraper
Fifteen Hundred Feet

How high can a skyscraper be built in conformity to the zoning laws and be practicable from an engineering standpoint? A New York architect replies, 1,500 feet and presents a sketch of a lofty pinnacle in steel and stone, a block square at the base, "stepped in" at successively higher stories until it tapers into a needle-like point nearly twice the height of the Woolworth tower, as shown in the illustration. Such a building, it is said, has been endorsed by engineers and does not conflict with the regulations.

Towers such as this, it is predicted, will not be uncommon in the coming city. Harvey W. Corbett, president of the New York architectural league, declares that in the metropolis of the future, the automobile will have disappeared from the streets, the city will be half a mile high, and traffic will be handled on sliding platforms. Buildings will have terraces like hanging gardens adorning the lower levels, and all construction materials will be colored, to fit the locality and to produce the most artistic effects.

Mind Keenest at Eight A. M.
Test with Students Show

Tests performed on 112 college students by Dr. Donald Laird of Colgate university, indicate that the average mind does its best work at eight o'clock in the morning and its poorest at four o'clock in the afternoon. Wednesday is the best day of the week for keen mental accomplishment, and Saturday the worst. Nine different tests were devised, including problems in addition and subtraction, memory exercises and a psychological question, such as, "What is wrong with this room?" The students had been given previous examinations which showed that their intelligence was about equal, and were divided into squads of sixteen each. For six weeks they were put through the trials at eight and ten o'clock in the morning, one and four in the afternoon and eight, nine and ten p.m.

So that they would not make special efforts on particular days and thus destroy the value of the tests, they were kept in the dark as to the real purpose of the experiments. In all, 4,704 test blanks were scored, 17,000 numbers added, 20,000 squared and 63,000 subtracted in compiling the results. Wednesday stood first in five of the nine trials, with Tuesday second.

How to Clean Floors before Refinishing

Removing the finish from hardwood floors by means of the scraper or knife before refinishing is usually

a job dreaded by the amateur mechanic. Most of the work, however, can be done as well by means of paint or varnish remover, a scrubbing brush and a package of ordinary kitchen cleaning powder. After applying the varnish remover to a small section of the floor, and allowing it time to soften the finish thoroughly, wet the brush moderately, dip it in the powder and scrub the floor vigorously. This will remove all the old varnish and leave a clean job. The section cleaned should then be wiped off with clean water, and a new part of the floor attacked.



Preventing Loss of Outboard Motor

After hearing several motorboat enthusiasts tell how they had lost their small outboard motor while attempting to transfer it from one boat to another or from boat to dock, and also coming very near losing his own in this way, a western motorboat user devised a simple safeguard against such a mischance. A 12-ft. length of 3/4-in. rope was fitted at both ends with snap fasteners, one to be attached to an eyebolt on the gunwale of the boat, and the other to the mo-

tor through a bolt hole. The rope is left attached to the motor at all times.

Judge These Shoe Values Yourself!

OUR NEW FALL SHOES ARE ARRIVING DAILY

We have decided to make one clean sweep of our broken lots of summer footwear regardless of price. For Three Fall Days—Saturday, Monday and Tuesday we have divided these shoes in three groups—

\$1.95	\$2.95	\$3.95
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Now is the time to buy your Footwear for late summer and early Fall.

All White Slippers at One Price
\$2.95

Children's Shoes and Slippers at
95c UP

Men's Oxfords at
\$2.45 UP

Be sure to come early before we sell your size. You will buy several pair at the Price of One.

RUTH-KESLER SHOE STORE

Watch Our Windows For New Fall Footwear in the Prettiest Styles

RALEIGH NOT WORRIED OVER EVOLUTION ISSUE

Iredell Appears to Be Hot Bed of Agitation Over Theory in Old North State.

Tom Bost in Greensboro News.

Raleigh, Aug. 20.—Zeb Turlington's willingness to lead the fight against evolution in the next general assembly calls to mind his valedictory at the last session when he promised "never again."

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STATE RANKS FOURTH POWER DEVELOPED

North Carolina 1 Superseded Only By New York, California and Washington.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The department of the interior, through The Geological Survey, has just released a report on the developed water power of the United States in 1915. The total capacity of water wheels installed in plants of 100 horse power or more, in March, 1925, was about 10,038,000 horsepower, an increase of about 951,000 horsepower, or nearly 10 1/2 per cent over the total capacity of water plants in 1924 (9,087,000 horsepower).

Of this increase 99 per cent was in electric public utility plants and

one per cent in manufacturing plants. New York continues to lead the rest of the states in the amount of developed water power. The five leading water power states in order of their rank and the amount of developed water power for each are New York, 1,713,551; California, 1,531,480; Washington, 560,693; North Carolina, 534,600; Maine 476,627. North Carolina has moved from fifth place in 1924 to fourth place in 1925.

Post and Flag's Cotton Letter.

New York, Aug. 20.—According to talk around the market some of the bears are apprehensive that too much confidence has been felt in an important increase to be shown in crop expectancy by the report on Monday as a result of the large additions shown by some private authorities to the figures of their own reports for July. Those who hold that opin-

ion have been covering rather freely and this with demand from the trade has proved sufficient to take up the slack so far.

If, however, the report comes up to bearish hopes by showing between fourteen and one-quarter and fourteen and one-half shorts who have covered will put out their contracts again and at about the same time a larger volume of hedging can be expected which will be difficult for the market to absorb. Based on official and private advices it is difficult to feel any real confidence that Texas and Oklahoma will show the half million gain in two weeks essential to bring about such an increase and furthermore it is doubtful if private authorities have made enough allowance for the drought in parts of the eastern belt especially in the Piedmont sections where the condition is now becoming very acute. Private

authorities work out their crop figures on their own interpretation of the pars which may not agree with the method used by the government. There is also much doubt if the official acreage is at all accurate.

There is a wide opportunity for a difference between the results reached by the private investigators and those at which the government may arrive. To accept a gain of million bales after two weeks during which it has been intensely hot with little rain requires an unusual degree of optimism but that seems about what short are looking forward to.

POST AND FLAG.

Mrs. Henrietta A. Jenkins of St. Louis, is 9 years old, is an enthusiastic angler and often travels to distant parts of the country to indulge in her favorite sport.

Nearing the End of His Rope

THE NEW SCHOOL TERM

READING WRITING ARITHMETIC