

Touchdown! Touchdown!



GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS WILL HELP THE STATE

Talked to Men Who Are Interested in Progress of North Carolina. Raleigh, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Governor McLean believes that, in his address recently before the Association of Life Insurance Presidents at their annual convention in New York, he was able to get information about North Carolina before a class of people many of whom are not familiar with the progress of this state, and a class of people whose knowledge of North Carolina's progress is very important to this state.

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

New York Mirror. I have reproved my wife several times for letting her purse swing from her wrist, and the other day when I saw the familiar bag swinging in front of me on the street, I decided to give her a lesson. Walking quietly behind the lady, I grasped the bag and exclaimed, "Careless, as usual! Move many times must I tell you to carry that bag under your arm?" Facing me, she replied, "Well I think this is just one time too many. It was a single lady, noted in town as a man-hater. Last Wednesday I called a young lady and made a date for Thursday night. Thursday I called another forgetting about the former appointment. When I went to keep the date, I found both girls there; and neither wished to keep the date. When registering at the polls I was asked by a young lady my name and address. After giving her the information, she looked up and said, "The antique shop for you." Quite indignant, I asked her for an explanation, whereupon she told me that the growth of the district had made it necessary to open an annex around the corner in the antique shop. A good complexion on the face is worth two in the beauty shop.

History of Otto Wood's Life

Greensboro News. Wood, serving a sentence of from 22 1/2 to 30 years in state prison, escaped Tuesday, November 24th, by hiding in a box car that was loaded with cement culverts in the prison and was being hauled on a railroad track in the railroad yards near the prison. The murder of A. W. Kaplan on November 3, 1923, by Wood was one of the most sensational murders in the history of Greensboro. The one-band bandit held up the pawnbroker in his store on South Elm street early that morning, struck Kaplan down, and escaped by running down an alley into Elm street, where he boarded a truck. He forced the truck driver to drive him across the railroad tracks, then jumped off and hopped into an automobile occupied by H. K. Devere, and forced him to drive out of the city at the point of a pistol. When Devere had reached a point several miles from Greensboro on the Guilford College road, Wood compelled Devere to get out of the car and exchange clothing with him. He robbed Devere of \$150 in money, took the car and a night later returned to Greensboro and parked the machine within two blocks of the police station. On November 10th Wood was captured in Freeman, W. Va. He was brought here, claimed originally that he was not in the state at the time of the murder, but later started the prosecution by entering a plea of self-defense. He was convicted and sentenced to the state penitentiary. Mason W. Gant, clerk of superior court, escorted Wood to the penitentiary at Raleigh on Christmas Day, 1923. A few months later or in May, 1924, he and another prisoner, Starnes, made a daring escape from the penitentiary. Wood passed through Greensboro May 12, 1924, at 5 o'clock that Sunday morning. He and Starnes riding in the automobile they had stolen from M. D. Cline who had been forced by them to surrender his car near Durham and accompany them to Greensboro. Here he was thrown out of the car in the western part of the city, and gasoline was purchased from a local service station. The two convicts then drove to West Virginia. Wood's wife and little daughter were in the car in front of the Starnes home when they were espied by the West Virginia officers and after a short chase they were recaptured. Starnes was waiting on his wife to get in the car at the time. It is stated that Wood's wife has since secured a divorce and has married again, and she and her new husband are residing near Pelma, fifteen miles from Reidsville. "Flying" Porpoises. In 1922 a British ship cruising off Cape Hatteras reported only six fathoms of water ninety miles northeast of Diamond Lightship almost directly off the tip of the cape. The charts showed 1,200 fathoms at that point. Captain Paul Foley, in command of a United States fleet repair ship, was ordered there to take soundings. The location was in the Gulf Stream where it was difficult to establish one's position because of a hazy atmosphere. After making extensive soundings he was unable to find any shoals. On the second day, however, a v-shape was sighted on the water and thinking it might be caused by the Gulf Stream striking a submarine mountain, the ship was headed toward it. When almost there the ship lurched and a wall of water 30 feet high came toward it. This tidal wave, the captain says, came in three successive surges, and from it, blown 50 feet or more in the air, were porpoises by the thousands until the air was literally black with them. Captain Foley thinks the most logical explanation of the experience is that there is submarine volcano action in that region, raising the ocean floor in places. He also believes the tidal wave and the "flying" porpoises were due to volcanic action. The presence of so many porpoises would indicate, he says, that water there is shoal and breeding ground for the porpoises. The possible existence of shoal water in the general region of Cape Hatteras will be investigated by the navy department. A soup of sweet almonds and cream is a Christmas dish in Spain.

Ranks High



Leading the Kansas Conference in football scoring is not the only accomplishment of Wayne Repligie, Emporia College fullback and All-Kansas player. He's just gained honors in scholarship, being one of a small group in school to receive certificates for meritorious work. Small wonder he finds time to smile.

TEXAS MAN ADMITS BEHEADING YOUTH

Slew Boy and Then Cut Neck in Two, He Confesses. Forth Worth, Tex., Dec. 12.—Confession that he shot and beheaded his step-son, Bernie Connally, on November 30, near Stephenville, Texas, was made to authorities here tonight by F. M. Snow, woodcutter. Snow said he shot and killed Connally at the Snow farmhouse when the boy attacked him, then carried the body to a mountain top about six miles from his farm, cut off the head with an axe, left the body on the spot and carried the head to the farm where it was found in a ruined cellar Tuesday by a trapper. Snow denied he had psycho-away with his wife and her mother, the mother and grandmother of Connally. He said they left for Waco three days prior to the killing. Tonight Snow was being taken by authorities to the spot where he said the body could be found. "I don't know why I did it," Snow said tonight.

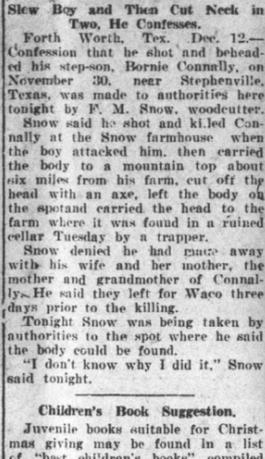
Children's Book Suggestion

Juvenile books suitable for Christmas giving may be found in a list of "best children's books" compiled by the bureau of education assisted by various education associations and libraries. The books were voted on as to popularity in the following order: "Little Women," by Louisa M. Alcott; "Robinson Crusoe," Daniel Defoe; "Tanglewood Tales," Nathaniel Hawthorne; "Uncle Remus," Joel Chandler Harris; "Anderson's Fairy Tales," Hans Anderson; "Jungle Book," Rudyard Kipling; "Alice in Wonderland," Lewis Carroll; "Treasure Island," Robert Louis Stevenson; "Just So Stories," Kipling; "Heidi," Johanna Spyri; "Arabian Nights"; "Adventures of Odysseus," Padriac P. Colum; "Orange Tree," Francis Pargham; "Hans Brinker," Mary Mapes Dodge; "Tom Sawyer," Mark Twain; "Swiss Family Robinson," Johann David Wyss; "Merry Adventures of Robin Hood," Howard Pyle; "Captains Courageous," Kipling; "Boy's King Arthur," Sir T. Malory; "Ivanhoe," Sir Walter Scott; "Aesop's Fables"; "Water Babies," Charles Kingsley; "Child Garden of Verses," R. L. Stevenson; "Master Skylark," John Bennett; "Little Men," Alcott; "Little Lame Prince," Dinah Craig Mulecock; "Gulliver's Travels," Jonathan Swift; "Helen's Life of Abraham Lincoln," Helen Thomas Bailey Aldrich; "Huckleberry Finn," Twain; "Prince and Pauper," Twain; "Grimm's Fairy Tales"; "Story of Mr. Dollittle," Hugh Lofting; "Wonderful Adventure of Nika," Selma Lagerlof; "Joan of Arc," L. B. Hunt; "Mancove," Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," Kate Douglas Wiggin; "Man Without a Country," Edward Everett Hale; "Men of Iron," Pyle; "Understood Betsey," Dorothy Canfield; and "Dog of Flanders," by Ouida.

Funeral Customs

R. R. Clark in Greensboro News. It is surprising to read that a city of the size of Danville, Va., still follows a custom in the burial of the dead that was supposed to have passed even in the smaller towns—that of having the funeral party attend by and witness the filling of the grave, a most painful and trying experience to those most concerned. It might be supposed that Danville even follows the ancient rule of having the pall-bearers fill the grave. It took a long time to get the custom changed. We are strong for the ancient customs in connection with funerals, following certain practices under the delusion that we are showing respect to the departed, when in reality we are but prolonging or adding to the distress of the bereaved. But modern undertaking has done much to remove some of the customs that are of heathen origin, and that in some measure compensates for the expense of the modern funeral. It costs more, and there is unnecessary pomp, but we have abolished many of the practices that tend only to make a sorrowful occasion more sorrowful; tend to protract and emphasize grief instead of assuage it. The leave takings at well managed funerals are private instead of before the curious. Exposing the corpse to public view, for the curious to gaze, is passing as well conducted funerals and there are other changes that are more sensible and make for the comfort of those who stand in the shadow of grief. Possibly after awhile it will be the rule instead of the exception for a funeral to be conducted on time instead of delaying simply because of a foolish and absurd fear that promptness would seem undue haste. It is a trying experience, nothing is accomplished by protracting it. Then why not exercise common sense in the matter of the disposition of the dead as well as in other matters? To Develop the Arms. Stand erect, stretch your arms out forward and clench the fists tightly. Holding your arms as stiff as possible, bend wrists outward and inward 15 times, with precision of movement. Next, holding your arms in the same position and clenching the fists, twist the forearms as far around as possible, first one way, then the other. Repeat 15 times. Nudity by 1933. At the present rate that women are dispensing with clothes, America's womenfolk will be content to go around with a smile eight years hence, the department of agriculture reports. It finds that the average girl now uses four yards or less for a dress where 14 yards were once required. A road sign painter suggests the following signs for railroad crossings: "Come ahead. You're unimportant." "Try our engines. They satisfy." "Don't stop. Nobody will miss you." "Take a chance. You can get hit by a train only once." A man tries to live up to his ideals, a woman to her photographs.

Likes No. 13



Herman Boozman, captain-elect of the 1926 University of Arkansas eleven, is not superstitious of the number "13." Fact is, he calls it his lucky number, for he's played football all his school life and has never been forced out of the game through injuries. He's going to cling to it throughout his varsity career, too, he says. Boozman's a junior, did the unique in grid circles last fall by playing every line position from center to end, and is president of his class.

The Old Ox Team

Turner Falls Reporter. Thoughtless people from cities and factory towns laugh at out-of-date ox teams occasionally seen in fields or on the road, but how few know that in other times, ox teams on every farm did valuable work while they grow to large size and then furnished food for the people who now depend on the West and South America for their beef and even Australia for their mutton! The little fellow has been laughed at out of his legitimate job, or considered not in keeping with the modern speed, so he must be hustled off to the shambles to furnish a few mouthfuls of food, bringing a little money to the farmer's purse. If allowed to live and earn his keep, that sturdy little bull calf would in time feed a multitude right at home and save the cost and care and refrigeration from the butcher's shop a thousand miles away. Here is another important "but" that time has hit us over the head with. There is no Yankee boy, born on the farm to fall in love with Buck and Bright, to train them in any way they should go and be assured of reciprocation of affection by the patient kine; and the hired man of today, irritable and irritating, would make a sorry companion for a pair of animals whose virtues of patience and faithfulness are the admiration of every man with a worthwhile soul all the world around. And who can say whether the ox team of a past generation was not New England's greatest schoolmaster, teaching the youth by their example, docility, domesticity, faithfulness, patience and endurance, willing to exert their marvellous strength when needed, lessons that sent young men to the four corners of the earth to surmount every obstacle and become leaders of men as they were as boys well loved leaders of noble animals.

Brown Wasn't Green

"A funny thing happened in my town last week," said the chatty man in the train. "What was that?" asked a fellow traveler. "Well, Black, a white man, and White, a colored man, thought a fellow named Brown was pretty green. So they tried to sell him a white horse. But Brown deceived them both. In fact, he got all the money they had. "And now?" "And now Black and White are blue." "Say, Bill, I was held up by the coffee-trap today." "The what?" "The trappie coff—the coffee trap—the tropic coff—the oh! hang it, you know what I mean."

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