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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"The grand essentials of happiness are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."

"There is a necessary limit to our achievement, but none to our attempt."

"All one's life is music if one touches the notes rightly and in tune."

CASWELL AS A PLACE OF RESORT

It is reported that a gentleman, who lives at Milton, after spending several months in Florida, comes back home and makes the solemn asservation that Milton has a better all-the-year-round climate than Florida.

That being so Milton is a better winter resort and a better summer resort than fabulous Florida. It is also a better spring resort and a better fall resort. It is just naturally a better place than Florida any way you take it.

And what is true of Milton is true of other places in Caswell. There is charming scenery at Milton, and charming scenery at or near Yanceyville. And besides that we are 600 or 800 feet above the sea level, and are not pestered with mosquitoes, gnats, sandflies and other pestiferous insects. We can sit on the porch on a hot summer night and contemplate the wonders and beauties of nature without distraction.

The Chamber of Commerce can tell the world about Caswell as a place of resort, and as a place of all-the-year-round residence. If the people of these here United States knew what a good country we have there wouldn't be land enough in our county to go round amongst those who would clamor for it. That's the solemn truth, Brethren.

A SUGGESTION TO VIRGINIA ROAD BUILDERS

The majority of the people of Caswell county consider Danville their shopping center.

North Carolina is building a paved road on highway number 14, which leads from Yanceyville, the center of Caswell, to Danville. This paved road will be 16 feet wide, and will have good wide shoulders on either side of the 16-foot paved surface. These shoulders will be planted in wire grass and will be kept up on a level with the paving. These well-kept shoulders make for the convenience of the traveling public.

On entering Virginia along highway number 14 the shoulders to the paved roads on the Virginia side are not being maintained. Motor cars, buggies and wagons are confined to the 16-foot paving, some of which is becoming worn.

We would respectfully suggest to the Virginia road authorities, state or county, that if they would widen out, build up, and maintain the shoulders along this much traveled highway, they would render a great favor to the Caswell patrons of the Danville markets, and would make the access to Danville much more convenient for their customers.

A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

We are like the little boy writing to Santa Claus now, and wish to tell Dame Fortune some of the things we want her to put in our stocking.

Out of the cornucopia of America's amazing fullness we wish there would be poured out to us Caswellians a few little articles which some of the more prosperous counties might not want, and

at mention of which some of them might actually turn up their noses.

Our first wish is for three or four brick and terra cotta manufacturing plants. There are various sorts of clay in this county, and some of it ought to be made up into building material for the building and construction work which will be done in Carolina and Virginia in ever increasing amounts. There is no better brick clay in the state than is to be found in Caswell, especially in the northern part, around Milton.

Our second wish is for two or three hosiery mills. Everybody wears hosiery, and everybody's hosiery is continually wearing out. There is no reason why hosiery made in Caswell shouldn't sell as well as that made elsewhere. One, two, or three hosiery mills in the county would furnish labor for a number of people who would be glad of the opportunity to make an independent living at steady, light work, which would not expose them to the weather.

The slander has been circulated that some of our people are too proud to work, and that labor to run a hosiery mill would be hard to get in Caswell. If we let this slander continue to have currency it will discourage the establishment of enterprises in our midst by outside capital which might otherwise come in.

It would be a good thing for the Chamber of Commerce to make a survey of different sections of the county to discover just how much labor could be secured to run a hosiery mill.

If Dame Fortune is a-mind to give us a hosiery mill to make the fine silk or rayon hose, she can find an empty building at Milton at a moderate rental or selling price, so we are informed. And Milton is on the railroad. And if it is thought desirable to locate the mill elsewhere we can make the brick or saw the lumber for its construction.

We would wish for a whole lot more, but our paper has run out. But above everything else material let us say that we are wishing for a two-hundred percent increase in the cows, hogs and chickens of our county. This means more to us than anything else just now.

Dame Fortune, please Ma'm, do your best for us so that no more farms will be sold for taxes and no more of our young men and women leave the county.

TOBACCO BARN BURNED; CONSIDERABLE LOSS

On the Neal and Booth farm, located a few miles southeast of Sam Gatewood's Store, a curing barn was burned to the ground Monday afternoon around 4:30 o'clock.

It is understood that while a tenant on the farm was killing out a curing of the weed, that in some way the dry leaf became ignited, and the flames soon spread through the structure, leaving it a total loss.

The curing was said to have been made up of tobacco of the finest sort, and the loss in the aggregate will be considerable. A second barn was nearby, but owing to the slant of wind, the flames were carried away from the imperiled structure. A considerable amount of dry flue wood, piled near the barn, caught on fire and was consumed.

TOURING WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Graves, of Yanceyville, in company with Mrs. L. M. Carlton and Miss Shuford Carlton, of Roxboro, left Friday morning to tour western North Carolina. While in that part of the state they will visit Mrs. J. P. Burke, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graves.

"Mr. Wampus, I fear you are ignoring our efficiency system."

"Maybe so, Mr. Gump," responded the clerk, "but somebody has to get the work done."

About half the cotton grown in North Carolina last year was of the Cleveland Big Boll variety. Mexican Boll is also steadily growing in popularity.

FARMERS WILL MAKE A TWO-DAYS TOUR OF ALAMANCE

Caswell Farmers and Their Sons Invited.

W. Kerr Scott, Farm Agent for Alamance, very kindly invites the farmers of Caswell and their sons to join the tour of Alamance farms which a number of Alamance farmers will make soon.

It is the opinion of The Messenger that it will be a very pleasant and profitable tour, and we hope a number of Caswell men and boys will take advantage of this opportunity.

When a-body gets a cordial invitation to go on a camping trip he ought not to turn it down, especially if it comes in August when the weather is hot and the watermelons are ripe.

W. Kerr Scott, the Farm Agent for Alamance in a note says that, honest-to-goodness, he wants as many of the Caswell farmers and their boys as possible to join the band that is to tour Alamance.

Mr. Scott wants to get us over there and show us some of the things the Alamance farmers have been doing under his supervision and leadership. He is a modest man and won't stick out his chest. But all the same we'll bet a nickel that he won't get mad if we commend and compliment the good work that has been done by some of those progressive Alamancers.

Mr. Scott's chief purpose though, is to encourage and promote good farming and stock raising, and he is extending to us the courtesy of an invitation to come over and observe some of the up-to-date farming methods followed in Alamance.

The Messenger thinks that the Caswell men ought to appreciate this courtesy, and to accept the invitation.

Mr. Scott's letter follows:

Farmers' Tour

A very interesting two-days' tour of Alamance county has been arranged entirely for you.

We will meet at 8 a. m. SHARP, Wednesday, August 18th at the John Aldridge Farm on Highway No. 62, just north of Haw River. From there we will announce the rest of the trip that day.

We will spend the night at Eli Whitney high school. A lively program of music, the good old kind that the Snow Camp String Band makes, moving pictures and other features that will entertain you.

Bring a blanket with you for cover during the night. You can bring meals with you if you desire or you can get same in passing the stores. Light refreshments will be served at the various farms entirely free to all.

Bring your son on this trip. This is our fourth farmers' tour. You may be surprised to know it, but I believe it is going to be our best one. You can count on plenty of fun and recreation, and at the same time it is a real educational trip.

Let me know in advance if you are coming. But if you don't know until the last minute jump right in and come on.

Sincerely, W. Kerr Scott, County Agent.

Haw River, N. C. August 11th, 1926.

"Now is the Time to Subscribe"

As for magazines, sailors should take to The Atlantic, clock-makers to The Dial, tired people to Outing, and Bolshevists to The Red Book. Librarians should appreciate The Bookman, young wives Good Housekeeping, pugilists Punch, and workers in ebony Blackboards. Prisoners naturally want Liberty, controversialists The Forum, patriotic folks The American, devourers of books The Literary Digest and all of us Everybody's. — Boston Transcript.

Tom Tar Heel says that old rocky field, full of stumps, just back of the barn is now one of the best pieces of land on the farm since he blew out the rocks and stumps with explosive.

TEACHERS FOR BARTLETT-YANCEY SCHOOL SECURED

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second grade; Miss Annie Murray, Danville, and Miss Myrtle Lea, Blanche, first grades; Miss Mary Stacey, Ruffin, music teacher.

It is understood that the outlook for the term is excellent, and it is generally believed that the coming session bids fair to be the best in years.

The committee reports progress in the expansion of the teacherage, which under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williamson, is expected to add a great deal to the school.

The committee of the Bartlett-Yancey school is thus composed: Dr. S. A. Malloy, chairman; Mrs. George A. Anderson, secretary; Mrs. E. A. Allison, Thomas Foster, and Henry T. Watkins. No date at this time has been set for the opening of the school. However, it is expected that the committee will name same shortly.

Dr. M. H. McBride, of Reidsville, spent a few hours in Milton Sunday afternoon.

CASWELL MASONS GUESTS OF BULA LODGE

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guests of the Bula Lodge No. 409, of the Alamance city.

It is understood that the Caswell Masons were accorded a splendid reception, and all of them came back to their jurisdiction loud in their praises of the Burlington brethren. The meeting was given special significance by the fact that three fellowcrafts were raised to the Master's degree, the work being put on by a team that was wonderfully proficient.

Following the exemplification a fraternal period was enjoyed when Worshipful Master S. M. Bason, and George A. Anderson, and T. H. Hatchett, past masters, were given a seat in the East. A number of short speeches, well timed to the occasion, were made. Mr. Bason, it has been learned, was most felicitous in his remarks, as were also Messrs. Anderson and Hatchett. Added interest was given to the speech-making when it developed that Mr. Bason had received his first degree in masonry at the hands of the Bula Lodge.

The good feeling of the evening was heightened by the presence and activity of Andrew Rudd and Reid Manyard. Both of these Masons are Caswell stock, now living in Burlington. Mr. Rudd holds the tilers sword, while Mr. Manyard is the lodge's secretary. It was evident, the Caswell visitors said, that both of these men were held in high esteem by the craftsmen of Burlington.

After the speech-making, and the smoker was over, the lodge closed in due form, and the members with the visitors, repaired to the ante room where a bountiful watermelon feast was enjoyed.

PROSPECT

Misses Mattie, Mary and Catherine Hatchett, of Roxboro, are visiting Mrs. E. A. Allison.

Mrs. L. A. Helper and children, of Thomasville, were guests of Mrs. H. A. Howard Sunday.

Mrs. George Pitchford and daughter, of Hilton Village, spent the past week with Mrs. Howard. W. B. Foster, of Reidsville, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hodges and children, of Purley, were guests of Mrs. J. A. Poteat, Sunday.

Hubert Page and Miss Clyde Allison motored to Durham Sunday to visit Misses Margaret Allison and Elizabeth Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Watlington and children spent Sunday in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Poteat, Mildred and Nerine Poteat were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Perkins Sunday at Shaqy Grove.

Misses Frances and Elizabeth Allison are visiting Mrs. Lester Harrelson in Reidsville.

OLD TIMER COMPLAINS OF HIGH COST OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLIN'

Mr. Editor: I aint got much lernin, cause when I went to school, I had to walk three miles and back evry day, set on a bench where didn't have no back in a log cabin fer a school house. My teacher had a fust grade sertific and what she noed, she could lern us chillun. In them days, they said we must lern readin, ritin and rithmertick and we could git long purty good, I aint never ben much on ritin, but I was always a purty good speler and reader.

I aint kickin on no school, cause me and the old woman done sent our chillun to school and they done all left home, so what I say aint cause I'm again the schools. I do think they costs us two much money in tax. I pays \$6.37 school tax evry year and aint got a chile to send to school. When I was a kid all the schools in Caswell county didn't cost haf as much as eny one brick house they got now, fac is, I dont speck they cost as much as eny two trucks they got fer hallin the chillun now. I speck all the school houses in Caswell county is wurth mity nj as much as all the school houses in the state was wurth when I was a kid. They tells me they got two have a great big brick house in all the townships and them chillun where aint near enuf to walk to school they send 'em in artomobil truck, they have a teacher fer evry fifteen or twenty chillun and they wont let 'em lern but jest so much cause they mustn't make but one grade a year. I hearn 'em say that they pays the teachers moren a hunderd dollars a month and when I was a kid you could git a teacher fer a hole session fer a hunderd dollars.

Some of our big men aint never ben to school much and didn't no what colege was fer, big lawyers, big doctors, big prechers and big men all the walks of life aint never ben to colege and what lernin they got was got by workin fer it, didn't cost so much. I believes we can do somethin bout this here school busness and stop it from costin the folks so much. It looks like we jest tryin to put on ars, ridin to school in a artomobil and having a brick house to set in, and bort benches with backs to 'em, and I hearn 'em say that they even got a place to put there vitles and hats and things and lock 'em up, now aint that somethin? When I was a kid, I always balled my cap up and put it in my pocket or under my bench where I was settin. Taint no use of havin all them things fer the chillun, cause they aint ben uster havin 'em at home.

I no you aint goin to like what I rit Mr. Editor, cause you got lernin and you thinks I'm a old fogy and dont no nothin. I dont but I no all I gits is goin to keep the chillun goin to school and I dont believe they learns as much as we kids did when I went to school in the old log cabin by the lane.

Old Timer.

PRISONERS MAKE TWO ATTEMPTS TO BREAK JAIL

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Cell bolts had been safely negotiated, and only the brick walls stood between the new found Damon and Pythias and the great out-of-doors. But just at this time the "lucky thirteen" lost its potency, and Sheriff Gunn from the court house green, saw the silhouette of two men where there should have been none. Heing to the jail, his presence set at naught all previous labor.

Saturday afternoon Duck and the Spaniard again felt the mysterious call of the wild, and with the crudest tools had sawed into one of the bars of cell, with some good work put in on another. The Goddess of Luck again double-crossed them, when Sheriff Gunn heard the quiet rasping of the saw, and once more made investigation.

The prisoners, Duck and the Spanish Houdini, are now occupy-

ing separate cells, and it is not likely that the third time at the bat will be attempted, it is believed.

EDWARD MILES OF THE U. S. ARMY HOME ON VACATION

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kites, and studying the set of the currents of air. In the sailing of the kites he became wonderfully proficient, and this well developed talent made him the envy and admiration of his fellow pupils.

At an early age, Mr. Miles enlisted in the United States army, and it is well known that his record as a soldier has been a most excellent one. He has seen active service in every state in the Union except Maine and Florida, and has often been given the most responsible of assignments.

For six years he was stationed in Alaska where his work in the signal corps was of a highly interesting kind. Often he was called upon to follow the wildest of trails, and it is related that on one occasion while away back in the great snowy wastes, his faithful Winchester held off a fierce and starving wolf pack. He had taken refuge in a deserted Alaskan shack and the voracious creatures were finally driven off.

A highly interesting phase in his military experience was his six years of service in the Philippines. He was in this distant land during the great war, and on account of the relations of Japan to the United States, his duty for those years was of the most responsible kind.

He is now in the states for a two months' leave, and on leaving Caswell he will stay for a short while at Washington, after which he will resume his duties. Mr. Miles is a brother of John A. Miles and Will Miles, Danville; W. M. Miles, South Caswell, and Charlie Miles, who is now living in Nebraska.

BUILD STANDARD STOVE FLUES SAYS C. I. & R. COMPANY

This Will Decrease Rates and Prevent Fires.

The public in general are interested in lower insurance rates and by their own efforts it is possible to get them.

In both Caswell and Person counties there are a number of terra cotta, metal and brick-on-edge flues. These flues cause the great majority of fires and the insurance companies charge five dollars per thousand for these flues. They are not making money even at this rate. They much prefer a risk with a standard flue at the lower rate.

The North Carolina Fire Prevention Association gives the following as a standard stove flue.

"Stove flues shall be constructed of hard burned brick, laid flat in cement mortar and shall be not less than sixteen inches square from base to top, lined with fire clay piping, in sections not less than twenty-four inches long. Flues to be hung on iron stirrups bent to come two inches below lower surface of ceiling. No flue to be less than three feet above flat roof and two feet above ridge or peak of roof."

A flue of this description can be built in almost any kitchen with the additional cost of insurance for one or two years. Besides the cost of insurance being lessened it will save many a fire.

We are in the insurance business to serve the public as well as to make a living. If you are going to build or remodel your house, ask us about the flues, we can save you money.

Caswell Insurance & Realty Company, General Insurance & Bonding.

Some excellent crops have been ruined in Durham county by deep cultivation late in the season with a turn plow which exposes and cuts the plant roots, find county agent, W. I. Smith.

Tom Tar Heel says he is going to grow all the hay this winter that he needs for next year.