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Gentleness and understanding and humor and charm are happily abundant upon the earth, but in few men are they so beautifully and perfectly blended as they were in him whom this community now mourns. His life was a constant giving of himself to make easier the burdens of others, and his selflessness gained a hundredfold in virtue because he was so completely unconscious of it.

Supercharged Atmosphere

The Durham Herald wants more football games in Durham. Football being our favorite sport and the Durham arena being within easy distance of our home, we applaud this ambition. Moreover, we must say that there seems to be something in the air of our neighbor town that puts a lot of extra spirit in the fray.

And the Herald, telling of the Durham-Henderson high school contest the very next day, speaks of it as a "hectic game, featured by wild passing, fights and near fights." The remainder of the game was a see-saw affair, marked by many substitutions, much wrangling and display of ill temper.

Building Law Needed

Chapel Hill should have a modern building law embodying restrictions upon private undertakings for the benefit of the village as a whole. There are persons who, because they have given no thought to the subject, will see in this suggestion a threat to individual rights.

The correct way to go about the job is not to try to put into effect, all at once, a "city plan" that seeks to carry out a theory of perfection. Public opinion here, in its present state, would

not support such regulation of the details of building as was in force years ago in Europe and has lately been embraced by some of the large cities of America. Let us start with these two steps: First, establish building lines at a certain distance from street lines, making a difference, of course, between business districts and home districts.

There is nothing revolutionary or in the slightest degree dangerous about this. It is not an experiment. The commonsense of it has been thoroughly proven. And the fate of towns which grew up before the idea of regulation was introduced is all the argument which a prudent municipal government has to ask for.

As the law stands now, a gasoline station could go up on the A. H. Patterson corner next to C. T. Woolley's, a meat market next door to Isaac Pritchard's, an ice factory or a grocery store or a garage next to C. de Eubanks' home on Cameron avenue.

In New York City a few years ago unrestricted building had wrought such harm that the city government appointed a Heights-of-Buildings Commission and shortly afterward a Commission on Building Districts and Restrictions. The outcome of the labors of these two bodies was a statute that controlled construction throughout the whole of the metropolis.

In certain sections there were permitted only homes; in others, "light manufacturing," such as the making of hats and jewelry and clothing, but not such industries as tanning and glue-making and iron foundries. In outlying districts homes must be set back from the street line so many feet; in other districts, the crowded character of which had already been fixed, they might be flush with the street line.

An important point about this reform was that it was supported not merely by reformers but by the canniest, most commercial-minded men of the city. They saw in it the salvation of, rather than danger to, real estate owners. The courts, from lowest to highest, upheld the constitutionality of the law, and now nobody who proposed that New York should go back to the old unrestricted building policy would be listened to for a minute.

Chapel Hill's growth is just beginning. Now is the time to act. It is a case of shutting the stable door in time to keep the horse in instead of after he is gone. If we don't get busy and put into legal form some sensible building restrictions we are going to regret it.

Meanwhile, it is a fine thing that some of our citizens, acting in groups, are putting into effect restrictions to protect their home colonies from disfigurement.

Here is a hint for Miss Nancy Battle: If she will arrange to put on daily at her coffee house as fine a dance as she gave in the Forest Theatre Monday, her place will be crowded. She and Miss Gray and Miss Sauls did themselves proud.

Mrs. Hickerson has returned from her home in Ronda to spend the winter with her son, T. F. Hickerson.

Random Shots

BY HALIFAX JONES

I could name a score of reasons why I am glad I am not still in the Army, and then not half exhaust the list, but none is more potent than the one that is brought to mind by the report of President Coolidge's recent review of the Marines. Not all the drudgery of drill and "policing" is as detestable to the soldier or junior officer as reviews and parades. How we hated these shows put on to tickle the vanity of some military or civilian bigwig!

This reminds me of the remark I heard the wife of a recently commissioned officer make when her husband went down from New York to the Mexican border at the time of the Villa episode. He had been a dandy in civil life, and he carried over into the Army his love of fine clothes. The week before his departure he spent in obtaining an outfit of splendid new uniforms. "Aren't you afraid for your husband?" a friend of the wife asked her. The answer was: "I'm not afraid of the Mexicans, but I'm mightily afraid Jack will strut himself to death."

Meetings! Meetings! Meetings! Was ever before such a time in the history of man? There is not an afternoon or a night that one is not called upon to attend something or other. Associations, clubs, leagues for this or that worthy reform, church societies, civic bodies, chambers of commerce and boards of trade, literary circles, committees of infinite variety—they seem as numerous as the sands of the sea, and always they are holding meetings.

Now, a splendid case can be made out for each one of these gatherings. When you listen to a zealous secretary tell of the purposes of his or her particular organization, you are made to feel that the salvation of the country is at stake and that you are a miserable wretch if you do not lend the small encouragement of your presence. The next night there is another meeting just as important, and so on and on. The thing never stops.

I find that I have learned to find most excellent excuses to justify absenting myself from occasions that do not promise enjoyment and being present at those that do. If it is a serious discussion of civic or educational problems, I cannot spare the time from my work—I am really "not up to it tonight"—I owe it to my family to spend the evening at home—I feel a headache on. But if it is a football game—ah, how different! I need the fresh air and the spectacle to brush the cobwebs from my brain. If it is a circus, I feel that I am in duty bound to take a child. If it is sprightly play at the theatre, I tell myself how essential is the drama to the proper sustenance of a man's mind.

Miss Susie Fulghum of Raleigh was here Tuesday. Miss Margaret Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Webb, who entered the North Carolina College for Women this fall, came home for the week-end.

The Colored School

Parent Teachers Meet; Officers Elected for Year

At a meeting of the colored Parent Teachers' Association at the teachers' cottage the other night there was a thorough discussion of the material and moral needs of the school. B. L. Bozeman presided. Rev. George McCauley, president of the board of trustees, leading the discussion, made an address in which he gave a welcome to the new teachers in the Orange County Training School. Dr. D. Caldwell was another who addressed the meeting, and he complimented highly the principal and the faculty for the work they had done. Both these speakers and others pledged their continued support to the school.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. L. M. Bozeman; secretary, Mrs. Shidie B. Hackney; treasurer, Mrs. Alice Neal.

Faculty and students of the Training School wish to express their thanks to R. W. Foister for a gift of 245 rulers. This gift, the principal says, saved the school children, altogether, \$25.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONERS' RE-SALE OF NEVILLE PROPERTY

An increased bid of five per cent having been made upon the bid heretofore made in this course, the undersigned, under and by virtue of an order made in the action entitled "Walter Neville vs. Texanna Neville," pending in the Superior Court of Orange County, will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder on the premises in Chapel Hill, N. C., on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1923, AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON, the house and lot hereinafter described, to-wit:

Lying and being on the South side of Franklin Street in the Town of Chapel Hill, N. C., adjoining the lands of Hester Taylor and others, and bounded as follows: Lot No. 3, beginning at a stake on an alley, fourth corner of lot No. 4, and running S. 27 deg. E. 186 feet to a hedge; thence with said hedge 54 feet to a stake; thence N. 27 deg. W. 184.5 feet to a stake on an alley; thence N. 64 deg. E. 54 feet to the beginning, containing 0.232 acres, more or less, and being the same lot conveyed to J. H. Sellers by deed of J. L. Morehead, Commissioner of the Superior Court, in Special Proceeding entitled "J. L. Morehead, Admr. of Allen Edwards, deceased, vs. Rena Edwards et al.," recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Orange County in Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of power conferred upon me in an order of the Superior Court of Orange County, in the proceeding entitled N. Rosenstain versus Lonnie DeGraffenreid and Mack DeGraffenreid, I will on MONDAY THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1923, AT 12 O'CLOCK M., at the court house door in Hillsboro, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following land, to-wit:

Adjoining the lands of A. D. Barnes and others, BEGINNING in the center of the New Ridge Road, said DeGraffenreid's corner, and running with his line South 2 degrees E. 21 chains and 15 links to his corner and corner of Crabtree heirs tract; thence with their line South 2 degrees East 3 chains and 35 links to Rocks and pointers, Ed. Jones' northwest corner; thence with his line East 20 chains and 81 links to a rock, Ed. Jones' northeast corner; thence N.

2 degrees West with A. D. Barnes's line 27 chains and 13 links to the center of the New Ridge Road; thence with said Road West 22 chains and 16 links to the first station, containing 50 acres, and being the same land conveyed to Mack DeGraffenreid, and Lonnie DeGraffenreid by deed of L. H. Hackney and wife, dated October 20th, 1911, registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Orange County in Book 64, page 323. This the 2nd. day of October, 1923. The terms of sale cash. W. J. BROGDEN, Commissioner.

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