

LOST

We count those things as lost which we consider irretrievable, such as the golden moments wasted yesterday. The explorer of Ancient Egyptian tombs ponders the secret of the Egyptian embalmers which preserved the bodies in a mummified state; the architect bemoans the fact that more is not known of ancient temples now standing in ruins; and the student of history would like to tell North Carolinians what actually happened to the "Lost Colony" on Roanoke Island, instead of leaving them with the words of the historian when he said:

"At last, at last,
Their heart sick search,
No tidings reached them more
Except that silent word
Upon that silent shore."

Yet it seems we have lost an art, of which few take notice; that art in which the birds engage on these spring mornings—whistling. Surely he who whistles as he goes about his duties is either happy or engaged in deep thought. Then must we say that we are no longer happy and that we no longer do real thinking? The possession of happiness may not necessarily mean profound thought, but real thinking usually brings happiness.

Or shall we say that we no longer whistle because we have lost our youth? Look around you and see how seldom you hear the joyous whistle coming from your fellow man. Would you like to hear again those notes for the sake of a lost art? Or to know that happiness prevails? But how fine it would be to have that feeling expressed by Whittier, when he said:

"Blessings on thee, little man,

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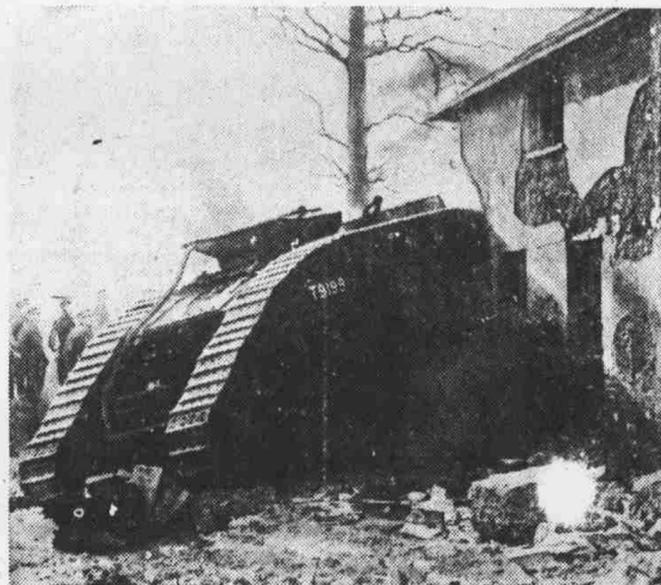
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George Allen of Bromley, England, offered an unsuspected problem to air precaution wardens of Beckenham, Kent, during house-to-house visits to fit residents with gas masks. The wardens found that a bearded individual like Mr. Allen requires extra-careful fitting because the hair forms an inlet between the mask and the face. They solved the problem by fitting a mask one size smaller than that required for a clean-shaved person and contributed to his future safety.

Official House Wrecking



An army tank charging one of a row of condemned cottages near Bovington camp, Dorset, England, provided an exciting show for the local inhabitants. Hundreds of visitors and all the soldiers stationed at the camp had a chance to see the tanks in operation.

Barefoot boy, with cheek of tan!
With thy upturned pantaloons,
And thy merry whistled tunes;
With thy red lip, redder still
Kissed by strawberries on the hill;
With the sunshine on thy face,
Through thy torn brim's jaunty grace;
From my heart I give thee joy—
I was once a barefoot boy!"
—Dover R. Fouts,
In Yancey Record.

Says Grazing System Will Build Civilization

A system of growing feed crops in winter and so utilizing forage crops as to furnish continuous grazing for livestock throughout the year will build a superior civilization in the South, believes Hugh McRae, of Wilmington, owner of Invershiel Farm in Pender county.

Mr. McRae invited a group of farmers and agricultural workers to inspect his system of continuous grazing as followed at Invershiel Farm, on Tuesday, May 3, and, following a tour of the 50 fields now in grazing crops, the group heard a number of brief messages from among those present, Dean I. O. Schaub of State college and former Congressman A. F. Lever, of South Carolina, were the principal speakers.

Invershiel Farm consists of 600 acres of land of which 200 acres is now planted to forage crops in 50 different fields. The 165 cows on the place may be kept in any given area for grazing by one-wire, temporary, electric fences operated with storage batteries.

No harvesting is done on the place except by the cows. Some legume hay is gathered to provide for those days during which the cows cannot be put into the fields. However, there were only 14 such days in 1937.

Linwood James, farm manager, decides each morning where the cows will graze that day. No land is broken on the farm but a sub-soil plow is used and the surface carefully disked. This keeps the organic matter, and bacteria for legumes in the upper layers of the soil, Mr. MacRae said.

Farmers Hold Fallacies About Feathered Friends

Some of the birds that save millions in crops each year are still misjudged by the farmer.

The Baltimore oriole has been accused of damaging grapes and garden peas. But department of agriculture studies show that the oriole's food habits are largely beneficial. Caterpillars are its favorite fare, but it also eats quantities of plant and bark lice, ants, wasps, grasshoppers, spiders, and weevils.

Farmers who tear swallows' nests from barn eaves are turning out their best friends. Swallows, catching their food on the wing, consume vast numbers of harmful flying insects, especially during the nesting and molting periods when they, like most other birds, eat little besides animal foods. Young birds in the nest often eat more insects than their parents. To encourage swallows, provide mud for mortar, a shelf to support nests, and cut small entrance holes in barn gables. Barn and tree swallows will appreciate boxes placed high in the barn, while purple martins will make good use of houses on top of a pole in an open space.

Woodpeckers are often suspected of damaging trees by their drillings. Each hole drilled means that the bird has located the larva of a destructive wood-boring insect. Woodpeckers are among the most valuable forest conservationists. With their heavy bills they get insects that other birds cannot get.

Fruit raisers often look on robins as enemies because of the robin's appetite for cherries. Yet robins consume insects harmful to fruit crops throughout the year, and only during the flocking periods in June and July do they eat cultivated fruit to any extent. As soon as the wild berries are ripe they will form the greater part of the food. One good way to keep robins out of the orchard is to plant mulberry trees nearby. Mulberries ripen at the same time as cherries and the birds prefer them to other fruits.

John Lancaster Selected For College "Who's Who"

The Press has received from H. Pettus Randall, editor of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," a photograph and statement concerning John Lancaster, a former Franklin boy, who is a student at Maryville College,

Maryville, Tenn. Young Lancaster was selected for "Who's Who" as one of the outstanding students in America, and his biography appeared in the annual publication in which over 475 universities and colleges were represented.

Students are not selected because of a scholarship record alone, but because of their record in extra-curricular activities, athletics and future possibilities.

John Lancaster has been president of the student council at Maryville; president of the Hi-Trail club; has been on the honor roll four years; vice-president of the Athenian society; student assistant in college book store; physics laboratory assistant, and member of the freshman debate team.

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