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This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

DISAPPEARED BUGABOO— SOME REAL CALVINISTS— JAILERS AND CRIMINALS— THE TALKING MOVIES—

Dread of big business fades. Ras-kob, financial head of the four billion dollar General Motors Company, is Democratic National Chairman. Owen D. Young, chairman of the Board of the General Electric Company, one of the biggest corporations in America, is asked to run for Governor by Democrats in New York.

William Jennings Bryan, where he dwells in bliss, doubtless shudders at all this. But these are practical days; big business is practical, and it is well to recognize things as they are.

Some Calvinists, it seems, are still Calvinists like old John. Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, will not attend the Olympic games. Calvinists in Holland are urged to stay away from what stern preachers call "a carnival of the flesh."

Dutch Calvinists say the Olympic games turn men away from Golgotha to Greco-Roman paganism.

A majority of human beings have abandoned the John Calvin theory, which included the burning alive of Dr. Servetus on slight provocation, believing that the good Lord wants people to enjoy themselves occasionally.

Crime organization seems to reach almost everywhere. One Sunday morning two dangerous man-killing gunmen escaped from Sing Sing Prison.

The same morning two Sing Sing Prison guards were arrested, accused of blackmailing motorists on the highway.

No wonder prisoners escape, when the jailers by night are highway blackmailers by day. A fine example to the prisoners, in "reforming prison atmosphere."

Jeritza will talk and sing in a "talking movie." "These Talkies" make a good start with this artist. The singer will get \$10,000 a week or more. And while she rests the film will go on singing, millions hearing it. Wonderful invention, time and labor saving.

Dr. Ira S. Wile says the population is "growing older." It lives longer, the birth rate is lower. But old people, he says, are no longer proud of their age and little reverence is paid it. Today the number of those past fifty is fifty per cent greater than in 1870.

Age is nothing to be proud of. Since we grow old in spite of ourselves. But to be hard at work when you are old, and EFFICIENTLY at work, is something.

Young ladies that "don't seem to get any proposals" will marvel on hearing that our Peggy Joyce is about to be married again. This will be her fifth husband and her second nobleman. Once Miss Joyce was the Countess Gosta Moerner, but she gave that up. The Commoners had "good money." Happy No. 5, if every TURN TO PAGE 5, PLEASE

Charles Richard Royall recognized his name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: anelrmancighennoba

Continues Story Of Trip To Canada

Rev. S. L. Morgan Tells of Motor Trip Through Northern States to Niagara Falls

(III Our Journey To Niagara) By S. L. MORGAN

After Philadelphia our next stop of importance was Princeton, famous for its university and for having been the home of such immortals as Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson. We had a look about the beautiful grounds and buildings. Information received here led us to change our course northward, and we took highway number 16 to Somerville, memorable for the largest strawberries I ever saw. They seemed to grow abundantly in the vicinity. We bought two quarts for dinner—for 25c. By the end of the next day in our journey north the strawberry season was only beginning, and the price was more than double. We inquired at several places, but could never afford the price 25c to 35c a quart. This introduced one of the marvels of the journey—the wonderful variety of climate in our vast country.

I left corn in my garden nearly as high as my head. From New York on northward the cornfields were uniformly from two to six inches high. In North Carolina and Virginia we saw farmers cutting wheat. In New York and Canada the wheat had only lately headed, with not the slightest sign of ripening.

From Somerville our course was northwest through Clinton, N. J., where the landscape becomes decidedly hilly. Soon we were going through low mountain ranges, in the vicinity of Washington and Oxford. Soon afterwards we reached the Delaware River, which already is a great, noble river, but will be much enlarged before reaching Philadelphia. For many miles our highway lay along this river amid the grandest mountain scenery, often the sheer cliffs rising above us. Far in the distance is one approaches it he sees the lofty range of the Kittatinny Mountains cut sharply in two, and is delighted as he drives on to find that he is following the noble river into the great gap in the mountain. What he sees before him is the noted "Delaware Water Gap," and the scenery as you pass through the gap is some of the finest I have seen on the continent. Not far beyond it we came into the day to the splendid little city of Stroudsburg, just a little way over the New Jersey line in Pennsylvania. I must pause to pay a tribute to this city for a unique idea in its provision for the comfort and convenience of the great traveling public.

These articles are hardly worth while unless they have an educational value, and unless the data given suggests lessons for our own community. How many have noticed that on each of the great highways in Smithfield may be read the sign "Ladies Rest Room"? All the community owes a debt of gratitude to the filling stations that have generously made this provision for the comfort of the thousands who pass through our county seat. It gives the community a good advertisement. It costs a city or town so little to buy the good will and the grateful memory of those who pass through it! It pays a community to invest something for the convenience and comfort of the thousands who pass along our highways annually. In fact the rest room is a great new institution brought into being by the needs of the vast multitudes who are always moving along our highways. Nearly all of them are the free contribution offered by the best filling stations to the traveling public. The best rest rooms are a delight to the wayfarer, with running water for drinking or bathing, a clean lavatory, soap and towels—now and then clean linen towels, and a mirror even for me. Only one in all our travels suggested pay for all this. Prescott, Canada, met you at the door with a curt, "Pay here." It is singular how pleasant and grateful is the memory carried by each of us of Stroudsburg and other places

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Tree Eats Oysters



Meville, Clark of Syracuse, N. Y., feeds his sand tree a monthly ration of clams and oysters. It may sound fishy, but it's said that the tree derives its main sustenance from devouring sea food.

Farm Meeting Is Great Success

Though 300 Below The Registration of Last Year, More Than 1000 Attend

Raleigh, July 30.—Despite a lower attendance than in previous years, the 26th annual State Farmer's and Farm Women's convention held at State College during the week of July 23 was a great success.

Total registration for rooms was about 300 below that for last summer due largely to delayed crops, the tobacco harvest and a number of early truck crops in eastern Carolina. However, on Thursday, a few over 1000 persons had registered and hundreds of others had driven in for some part of the program and did not desire rooms. The men were greatly outnumbered by the rural women, many of whom left their husbands at home with the crops and children, so that advantage might be taken of the annual short course for farm women which was a part of the convention exercises this year.

In fact, some of the main features of the program were arranged for the ladies. Five were honored with the title of Master Farm Homemaker. These were Mrs. J. E. Corriher, of China Grove; Mrs. W. B. Lamb, Garland; Mrs. A. R. Poyner, Moyock; Mrs. W. T. Whitsett, Whitsett and Mrs. W. D. Graham, Mt. Ulla. Four others were awarded certificates for having attended four short courses. These were Mrs. Henry Middleton of Warsaw; Mrs. S. B. Nash, Franklinton; Mrs. Marth Jackson, Cooper and Mrs. C. M. Rhodes, Zebulon.

Excellent programs were provided in each of the sectional meetings. The general meetings held each day at eleven o'clock carried the principal addresses of the convention. Questions pertaining to all phases of farm life were discussed from feeding children to forming state organizations of farmers. The program was also featured by the larger number of practical farmers and farm women having part in the proceedings than in past years.

MRS. W. W. GORDON PASSES AWAY AT LOCAL HOSPITAL Mrs. Blanche E. Gordon, wife of Mr. W. W. Gordon, of Smithfield, route 1, died in the Johnston County Hospital Saturday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock following an illness of about eight weeks. Mrs. Gordon was born in Wake county on May 10, 1893, and was thirty-five years, two months and 18 days old.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at Underwood's Undertaking shop, conducted by Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church, and interment took place in Oakland cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. F. L. Pittman, Paul Gardner, Ira Ogburn, Lee Ogburn, M. A. Wallace, and Milton Ogburn. The deceased leaves a husband and four small children, three sons and a daughter.

Want High School In Pleasant Grove

Citizens Met Here Saturday to Study School Situation; Expect to Call Election

About twenty men and women from Pleasant Grove township who are interested in better school facilities for Pleasant Grove township met in the courthouse Saturday afternoon for the purpose of taking an inventory of the schools which are now located in Pleasant Grove, and for the purpose of laying plans to get better schools. A map of the county was studied and it was the consensus of opinion that somewhere near Johnson's Cross Roads would be the proper place to locate one large school instead of two schools, as had previously been discussed by some of the citizens.

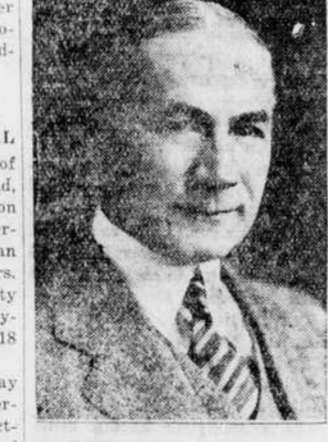
Those present were assured that the board of education is ready to request the county board of commissioners to call an election whenever the citizens of Pleasant Grove want this. However, the actual signing of the petition requesting an election was deferred until Thursday, August 2, at which time a meeting of all those interested will be held at the home of Mr. M. B. Pleasant in Pleasant Grove township. The meeting will be held at five o'clock. Those present Saturday felt that they should not sign a petition until they had talked with more people in the township.

It was agreed by all that if one school is built in the township it will become an accredited high school within from two to four years, whereas if two schools are built an accredited high school will be delayed longer. Those here Saturday afternoon in the interest of this proposition were as follows: H. M. Parrish, Mrs. H. M. Parrish, G. W. Lee, Mrs. G. W. Lee, Victor Penny, Mrs. Victor Penny, Leonard Johnson, D. N. Ennis, R. M. Pleasant, W. H. Jones, C. M. Ogburn, J. L. Ogburn, L. T. Ogburn, J. H. Ogburn, J. L. Johnson, Jr., B. J. Beasley, Claude Stephenson, Fred Henegett, D. F. Lee, Miss Ruby Lee, J. Clarence Hardee and Mrs. J. Clarence Hardee.

Mistaken Shooting. Alkali Ike: "What happened to the tenderfoot stranger wot was here last month?" Texas Pete: "Poor feller. The second morning he wuz here, he wuz brushing his teeth with some of that foamy tooth paste, and one of the boys thought he had hydrophobia and shot him."

Mrs. Davis Returns Home. Mrs. Joe Davis has returned home after an absence of several weeks. While away she took a motor through thirteen states, the furthest point west being Chicago. She also went to Canada and Niagara Falls. The return trip was made through the Shenandoah Valley.

Heads Lions



BENJAMIN A. RUFFIN Mr. Ruffin was elected President of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the last session of the twelfth annual convention of the Association held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 10-13, 1928. Mr. Ruffin was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia, which has always been his home.

APPRECIATES COURTESIES OF SMITHFIELD

"Honorable Mayor, "Smithfield, N. C. "Dear Sir: "We wish to thank you and the people of Smithfield for the wonderful reception accorded the motorecade on its recent visit to your good city. Every member of the motorecade has expressed their appreciation of the wonderful receptions tendered by you and your good people and of the cold drinks, cigars and souvenirs so cheerfully furnished them.

"We hope that in the motorecade of next year we will be able to spend more time with you and learn to know you better than we do now. We feel that we have missed many of the good things of life by not having known you as well in the past as we do at present. " Hoping that all the people of your county will be down here for our celebration, and assuring you that they will each and everyone have the biggest time of their lives, we beg to remain "Very truly yours, "The Feast of Pirates, Inc. "By M'Kean Maffitt, Sec."

Vesper Service Largely Attended

Dr. B. R. Lacy Preaches Impressive Sermon on Courthouse Lawn Sunday Afternoon

The vesper service held on the courthouse lawn late Sunday afternoon was largely attended, and the earnest message delivered by Dr. B. R. Lacy, Jr., president of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, made a deep impression upon the assembled worshippers.

At the beginning of the sermon, Dr. Lacy expressed his pleasure at being in the meeting, stating that the two counties holding first place in his affections are Wake and Johnston. He was born and reared in Wake, his first work as a minister was done in Wake and Johnston counties.

He also spoke of this vesper service as reminiscent of similar services held in Atlanta during the summer months of the seven years he was pastor of Central Presbyterian church in that city, and said it gave him peculiar pleasure to participate in a service in which Christians of all denominations took part.

After a scripture reading from the first verses of the fourteenth chapter of St. John, he announced his text as Job 14:14—"If a man die, shall he live again?" Dr. Lacy said that from time immemorial the universal mind of man has been groping after the eternal. This a universal question, one of interest to every person, regardless of race or nationality. By illustrations and quotations which he wove into a beautiful sermon he led up to the answer to this question—"If a man believe in Jesus Christ, he shall live again."

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, and Rev. S. L. Morgan pronounced the benediction. The singing was led by Rev. Chester Alexander, and a number of old familiar hymns added to the effectiveness of the services.

Several from out of town were here to attend the first vesper service to be held here this summer. It is expected that others will be held later.

NORTON HEARING TO BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Owing to the inability of Mr. Zeb Norton, who had his eye removed last week, to attend trial Saturday afternoon, the case against his son, Cleve Norton, who shot him, was postponed until today at two o'clock; also the case of Dock Wallace who was implicated in the affair.

Both these cases will be heard in Mr. Kirkman's office this afternoon at two o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton Go North. Kenly, July 30.—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Edgerton have gone north to purchase fall goods for Edgerton and Bros.

Two Hurt In Auto Accident Here

Stanley Hunter And Dixon Henry Injured Though Not Seriously When Roadster Crashes Into Coupe On River Bridge.

An automobile accident that put two persons in the Johnston County Hospital took place here Friday night about nine o'clock on the Neuse River bridge. The injured persons were Stanley Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Hunter, and Dixon Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Henry, but both of the patients were able to leave the hospital Sunday afternoon. Young Hunter and Henry were riding in a coupe with Atlas Johnson and Walter Sellers, having started across the river. The coupe was struck by a roadster driven by John Battle Robertson, of Clayton, Robertson, who was also going west, crashing into the rear of the coupe. Both cars were almost totally wrecked, glass being scattered for quite a distance.

Mayor J. D. Underwood was an eye-witness to the scene, and carried the two injured boys in his car to the hospital. Johnson and Sellers, the other two occupants of the car, escaped injury. It is said that young Robertson was traveling at a high rate of speed, and warrants have been sworn out charging with fast and reckless driving, exceeding the speed limit, and assault.

CAR STOLEN AT OAKLAND CHURCH

Mr. Alfred Taylor had the misfortune to have his automobile stolen Sunday night. Mr. Taylor went to Oakland Presbyterian church and during the service his car disappeared.

Methodist Prayer Meeting

Conducted by the pastor. Subject "The Lord's Prayer." 1. How many Old Testament quotations in this prayer? 2. When could you consider this prayer answered?

Spends Sunday at Morehead City

Messrs. Norman Grantham, Fred Adams, Hugh Ragsdale, Willard Lawrence and Thel Hooks spent Sunday at Morehead City.

How to Be Your Own Ancestor

A man in a letter to the Harrodsburg Herald claims he is his own grandfather. His letter says: "I married a widow with a grown daughter. My father, a widower, married my stepdaughter, thus becoming my son-in-law and his wife, formerly my stepdaughter, became my stepmother also. My wife also became my grandmother, for she was the mother of my stepmother and as the husband of any one's grandmother is called granddad, I must be my own grandfather."—Lexington (Ky.) paper.

Out of Range.

An old negro who was with the army in France was beating it for the back areas as fast as he could go when he was stopped by a white officer.

"Don't delay me, suh," said the negro. "Use gotta be on my way." "Boy," replied the officer, "do you know who I am? I'm a general." "Go on, white man, you ain't no general." "Certainly am," insisted the officer, angrily. "Lordy!" exclaimed the negro taking a second look. "You sure is! I musta been traveling some, 'cause I didn't think I'd got back that far yit."—Exchange.

A Gentle Hint.

The advertisement offered for fifty cents a recipe by which to whiten the hands and soften them. Girls who sent the money received the following directions: "Soak the hands three times a day in dish water while mother rests."

Funny Ain't It?

"So you do a good deed every day?" asked an old lady of the youngest scout. "Yes, ma'am," he answered earnestly. "Yesterday I visited my aunt in the country and she was very glad. Today I came back home, and she was very glad again."

Husbands Beware!



Countess Jeanine La Mar is the first-styled woman's boxing champion of the world and is at Los Angeles giving a series of exhibitions to stimulate boxing amongst women. Husbands beware!

Plain Talk By Local Minister

Rev. D. E. Earnhardt Tells Methodist Congregation Conditions in Smithfield Should Be Changed

"If you people," declared Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of the Methodist church here, in his sermon Sunday morning, "are looking for a preacher that will side-step or soft-pedal moral issues, you had better order you one from Sears Roebuck and company. I am not that kind."

This statement was made at the conclusion of a sermon which the minister had preached from the text: "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." With unusual force, the preacher delivered his message, some of his statements concerning local conditions, being exceedingly frank. He hurled his anathemas against the liquor traffic exhibiting the courage that comes of having facts in his possession, and he sounded a note of warning that if local forces could not clean things up, he would call for the aid of Federal officers. Whiskey he denounced as the destroyer of the home, the destroyer of the soul. He stated that Johnston county courts are burdened with violators of the prohibition law. He stated that to his knowledge whiskey was being bought and sold in Smithfield, that he could call names, and that while heretofore he had spent his energies in trying to get folks converted, he was in future going a little further and report the violations that come to his knowledge.

The whiskey habit, if handed down from one generation to another virtually becomes a disease, and the victims, said the speaker, are unable to withstand the temptations thrown in their way by these liquor joints.

MRS. RASKOB WORKS FARM; HUSBAND STEERS DEMO.

CENTREVILLE, Md., July 30.—While John J. Raskob is arranging to conduct Governor Smith's presidential campaign, his wife, an Eastern Shore Maryland woman and mother of thirteen children, has come back to old Queen Anne's county to a country place which she is developing out of two worn out farms.

With Theodore P. Haughey, John W. Chambers and Charles B. Baker, Mrs. Raskob entered into what was an experiment several years ago, but is now a definite industry here, the raising of flax. After several years of experimenting they have their first real crop this season, 101 acres of what George Lowry, Irish flax authority, terms "the finest flax he ever saw."

The problem now, they say, is to convince the cotton farmers and the textile manufacturers, who have millions of dollars invested in land, machinery and equipment, that the growing of flax will not jeopardize their interests.

Annual Meeting Of Cotton Warehouse

J. W. Stephenson Re-elected President; W. R. Woodall, Warehouse Manager; Reduce Number Directors

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Cotton Warehouse, Inc., held Friday afternoon in the commissioners room of the courthouse, J. W. Stephenson was re-elected as president and treasurer; R. C. Gillett, vice-president; R. P. Holding, secretary, and W. Ryal Woodall, warehouse manager. The board decided to hold monthly meetings at least during the busy season, and beginning with September the meetings will be held on the third Monday night of each month through February, the secretary to give due notification of the meeting.

Immediately prior to the meeting of the board of directors, the stockholders of the warehouse met. W. R. Woodall and J. E. Woodall were chosen judges of elections and it was found that 151 shares of stock were represented in person and 86 by proxy, making a total of 237. The minutes of the meeting of July 22, 1927 were read and approved. New by-laws were adopted providing for not less than seven members on the board of directors nor more than fifteen. Heretofore there have been eighteen members of this board and it has been hard to have a quorum at the meetings.

The presiding officer named a committee to nominate a board of directors, and the following report which was adopted was brought in: R. C. Gillett, R. P. Holding, J. Rufus Creech, R. A. Sanders, W. H. Flowers, J. D. Underwood and J. W. Stephenson. The stockholders heard the report of the warehouse manager W. Ryal Woodall, for the year ending June 30, 1928. His report was as follows:

Table with columns: Asso., Non. Asso., Bales received during year, Delivered during year, Delivered during year, Bales on hand June 30, 1928, Average number days each bale remained in warehouse.

R. P. Holding, secretary also made his report which was approved. This report showed that the storage collections for the year just ended totaled \$8,355.74. The profits for the year amounted to approximately \$1700, and obligations of the warehouse were reduced during the year in the amount of \$1200.

It was brought out during the discussion of the reports that it is an advantage to store cotton in the warehouse here, since the cotton does not lose its identity. Mill men having cotton shipped from this warehouse know that it is Johnston county cotton, which they are getting. An effort will be made during the coming year to interest more farmers in patronizing the local warehouse.

The man who has no faith in human nature is not to be trusted.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc



Do Smithfield tobacco market doan' need any operashun 'cept cooperashun.