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## Public Library Our Greatest Need

Books are the greatest agency of enlightenment that we have, and yet people are not reading them. Every mind is like every flower. It is built up on its own peculiar cells.

Some times the wealthy try to purchase knowledge for their sons, but they fail; so every child has to go through the same old slow steady process of thinking, which builds cell after cell in the brain until it becomes a great storehouse of knowledge.

Books teach us how to think. They do not build, but are only the charts by which we are enabled to build our own storehouse of knowledge.

The library is the best place to find the book you need. There the books may be found which supply

the need of every stage of the mind's growth and development.

Our folks are neglecting this important duty and are not providing a single book for the public library service. We are too poor to place good books in the hands of our children, yet have plenty of money for amusements.

Williamston's amusement bills for one month will build up a respectable library. We would be just as well off to stop a while and by so doing we would have something of real value.

New York librarians say that it is more unwise to oblige children to forage for their intellectual food than it is to force live stock to depend upon forage for subsistence.

## Six Unfortunate Children

The six Nash County children whose mother and father both died within the past year—the children, 3 boys and 3 girls, ranging in age from 3 to 12 years—are extremely unfortunate. They were recently taken to the board of county commissioners and turned over to them as pauper orphans.

Yes they have three uncles who are not only "good livered" but possess considerable property; and their grandfather, a man of 65, is worth

about \$30,000. Yet he permits his grandchildren, the orphans of his daughter, to go to the county home.

These children are of course unfortunate in losing father and mother but are more unfortunate to have the blood of a grandfather or uncles in their veins who would do as cold-blooded a thing as to turn their own out on the world to live or die.

It is rather strange that a man can accumulate \$30,000 and yet be so inhuman.

## Minors Driving Cars Again

People still openly defy the automobile laws. Sometimes they don't know; some times they don't think; and often they don't care.

Frequently emergencies arise, and a driver may not have time to give the hand signals, apply brakes, and blow horns as the law requires. And, too, the constant operation of an automobile brings the driver to the conclusion that he is the master of his machine and is able to operate it with safety to his machine, himself, and others. Frequently this is true.

No law has to be applied to all the folks. Some are decent, sensible, and safe without it. Yet one thing is hard to understand—why will parents permit children under the age limit to drive? No excuse of ignorance can apply in this case, because everybody knows it is unlawful for children under 16 to drive a car at any time in any place.

It looked at one time as if the off-

## How the World War Helped the Church

If the world war did no other good, it did much to help the church. The church has never been so well understood as it is today. Religious people everywhere are beginning to find themselves and their mission. They are beginning to find that many of the things that they cherished so long in their religious activities were nothing more nor less than selfish bigotry.

The war set church people to thinking far above creed. It placed their minds on a higher level of thinking. It caused many to love the same people they once hated.

Something has caused a wider growth of fellowship than ever existed before.

The day is past that men thought they had done their full duty when they told of Jesus. Now they know they must do more than say; they

must do, because it is, after all, what we are that counts and not what we say we are.

The old day of church hatred is rapidly passing away, and any man who would raise a quarrel with a brother who happened not to understand a thing quite so well as he would be quite properly classed as a self-righteous Pharisee.

The strong walls which various churches had built around themselves for centuries have crumbled and are now regarded as useless forms.

Church people are beginning to understand the principles of Christianity better than ever before.

If the war did it, it was worth the cost.

Christianity is the only thing that will sustain men and nations, and they must know more of its principles.

## Disarmament Conference a Failure

The disarmament conference seems to be one of the most disorderly rows the world has ever seen, unless it has seen a bunch of hungry hound puppies in a kennel with but one bone.

It is evident that some of the nations did not honestly comply with their agreement on the naval ratio basis of 5-5-3. Now that the matter is up for further consideration, at

least one nation, England by name, is unwilling to make good her agreement. Nothing in a way of a fair adjustment seems possible, and it now looks as if the whole thing will go up in confusion and nothing will be accomplished.

It is some times hard to understand just how small big nations can be. What a saving it would be if they would only act square.

## Big Decrease in Live Stock Since 1900

North Carolina had 701,000 cattle, 214,000 sheep, 1,228,000 hogs, 165,000 horses, and 175,000 mules in 1900.

Since that time there has been a movement to boost the live-stock business in our State. Farmers have been urged to raise a few more hogs, cattle, and sheep; yet in the 16 years we have lost heavily in the number of live stock on hand, of every kind except mules.

The loss has been 188,000 cattle, or 27 per cent; 134,000 sheep, or 62 per cent; 379,000 hogs, 31 per cent; 52,000 horses, 31 per cent. The gain in the number of mules was 104,000, or 60 per cent.

The only reasonable thing found among these figures applies to horses and mules. The automobile has done away with the driving horse, and the farmers have learned that they need more mules to properly cultivate their lands.

But the mystery is, why have the people this State allowed such a falling off in hogs, cattle, and sheep? It must be that they dislike the trouble of milking and caring for stock. They seem to prefer toiling in tobacco and cotton fields and buying butter from the West. All in the face of the teaching of history that all stock-raising countries get rich.

## Why Women Are Wearing Larger Shoes

The Pacific Shoe Dealers' Association says that women's feet are getting larger and that they are wearing bigger shoes every year. They contribute the cause to outdoor sports and much walking. Of course, everybody knows they are wrong about the

walking, as women are all riding these days.

The real reason for wearing larger shoes is that at one time the neat little foot was a great attraction. Now, no man sees the foot. He sees a's high.

## NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In superior court. W. S. Rhodes and D. G. Matthews Trading as Slade, Rhodes & Co., vs. J. N. Pugh.

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the superior court of Martin County, in the above-entitled action, I will, on the 1st day of August, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door of Martin County, sell to the highest bidder for

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cash, to satisfy said execution all the right, title, and interest which the said J. H. Pugh, the defendant, has in the following described real estate, to wit:

That tract of land known as the Cox farm, situated on the left-hand side of the public road leading from Hamilton to Williamston, opposite the Purvis farm, adjoining the land of J. H. Sherrod and others and the Roanoke River, containing three hundred acres, more or less, which tract is sold and is hereby conveyed subject to the dower of Mrs. Margaret Boyle, widow of John P. Boyle, deceased, which has already been assigned out of said land under definite metes and bounds.

This the 1st day of July, 1927.  
 A. L. ROEBUCK,  
 Sheriff of Martin County.

## NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of W. D. Staton, late of the town of Jamesville in the County of Martin, all persons holding claims against said estate will take notice that unless they present same for payment to the undersigned on or before July the 8th, 1928, this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and pay same promptly.

This the 8th day of July, 1927.  
 NAOMI STATON,  
 Administratrix.

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## AFRAID TO EAT

Bloating Spells, from Indigestion, Put an Oklahoma Man in a Miserable Fix, But He Found Relief.

Swink, Okla.—In describing how he suffered from indigestion, Mr. S. T. Strain, of this place, says: "I have been a user of Black-Draught for four or five years. I have been taking it for stomach trouble. I suffered after eating with bloating and a 'tight feeling'."

"I had spells when I could not eat much of anything. I had severe headaches. I would be nauseated and hurt a lot. I was in a pretty bad fix."

"I began taking Black-Draught. It seemed to help me wonderfully. I hadn't found anything that benefited me as Black-Draught did. I certainly can recommend it."

"There were times when I just did without anything to eat until I was too weak to go. I was just miserable, and when I ate, my system seemed clogged."

"I had very severe headaches. So I didn't know just what to do. I knew I couldn't work if I didn't eat. Seemed like what I spit up was bitter as could be. I took Black-Draught pretty regularly and got where I could eat, and I don't have to take it so regularly now." NC-177



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