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a body bent to the dirt by a shallow custom commercially promoted—more than likely by the manufacturer of caps and gowns. The darling lad paid his kind respects to the dean and departed. If one had read the papers a few years ago he would have read with certain regularity where that lad, well advanced in years then, was fighting the battles of the masses, a man free of shallow customs and hypocrisy.

Judging From the Wrong End

This country had fallen into the bad practice of judging from looks rather than results. In the schools there has been much talk about ranks, ratings and training, and possibly these factors are to be considered in rating a school, but to really gain a definite rating it would seem better to test the finished product.

We have demanded our teachers to take so many doses of this or that training, and then accept their sheepskin credentials at face value. Teachers have been rated according to certificates they hold in their hands, and not by the God-given talent they hold in readiness when they enter the school room to teach and train youths.

The teacher should make extensive preparations before going into the school room to teach, but the rank of progress should not be based on that preparation alone; it should be based, certainly to some extent, on the value of the finished product.

There has been too much judging on the make-believe plan rather than on the actual results attained.

Justifying Destruction

The old cotton problem is still with us. And those who have been working to solve the problem are possibly coming to the conclusion that the old plow-up or plain out and out destruction policy of a few years back was not such a bad policy after all.

The leaders in the movement to solve the problem had the government buy the cotton. That was one step. Now they want the government to sell the cotton back to the farmers. Some want to barter. Others want to offer premiums to sellers and red marbles as an added inducement to buyers. After listening to all the schemes and plans, one must admit that the old plow-up system was not so absurd after all. And one may add that there'll be some more plowing done before the women of this country start wearing cotton stockings and other cotton garments with the hope of solving the problem.

"Give no bounties; make equal laws; secure life and prosperity and you need not give alms."—Emerson.

"A cheerful look makes a dish a feast."—Herbert.

Uncle Jim Says



The first purpose of the Federal farm program is to help farmers conserve the soil on their farms, it is pointed out by the State College Extension Service.

NOTICE SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Martin County. In Superior Court.

Fannie Coffield, Widow of Augustus Coffield, Deceased, vs. Jane Overton and William Cherry, et als, and Any and All other persons claiming an interest in the Subject matter of this proceeding.

The defendants, Jane Overton, William Cherry, Josephine Morning Davis, Thomas Coffield, Albert Coffield, Jane Staton, Henry Staton, Earl Brown, William Brown, Myrtle Keel Moore, Lizzie Coffield Robertson, and any and all other persons claiming an interest in the subject matter of the proceedings, entitled as above, has been filed in the Superior Court of Martin County, in which proceeding said petitioner is asking that her dower be allotted in certain lands wherein the defendants claim an interest. Said lands being described as follows:

First Tract: A certain farm located in Martin County which is bounded by J. B. Rawls, Lester House and Joe Williams, containing 55 acres, more or less, and known as the Rawls or Williams tract of land.

Second Tract: That certain farm located in Martin County which is bounded by J. B. Roberson, J. R. Daniels and Jack Taylor, containing 105 acres, more or less, and known as the Jolley or Coburn tract of land.

Third Tract: That certain house and lot in the Town of Robersonville, located on Railroad Street, adjoining the lands of H. B. Moore and Arch Roberson and known as the Dougan house and lot or Susie Coffield house and lot.

Fourth Tract: That certain house and lot on the South side of Railroad Street in the Town of Robersonville and being the premises next to and adjoining the lot of R. L. Smith's residence formerly known as the J. E. Moore home place.

Fifth Tract: Being two adjoining lots and houses thereon and the vacant lot back of the houses on the corner of First South Railroad Street and Cochran Street in the Town of Robersonville, and being the houses which are commonly known as the Theo. Lloyd and John Hassell lots, said property being bounded on the North by W. T. Hurst, and being the lots 93, 94 and vacant lot back of same on the East side of property.

Sixth Tract: Being the two-story house and the lot on the corner of Vick and First South Railroad Street, on the West of Ida Moore's residence and on the South side of her garage lot.

Seventh Tract: Being the apartment house on First South Railroad Street obtained from Phon Coffield on the corner of Vick Street.

Eighth Tract: A house and lot in the Town of Robersonville, N. C.

All other real property owned by Augustus Coffield, during his coverture with this petitioner. Said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County at his office in Williamston, N. C., on or before the 10th day of June, 1939, and answer or demur to said petition, copies of which have been filed in said office, or petitioner will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the petition.

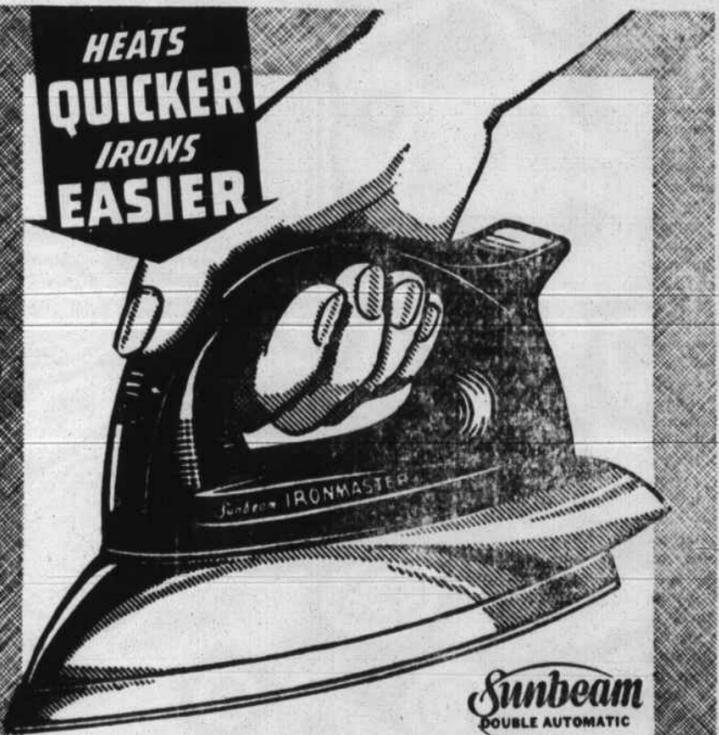
This the 27th day of April, 1939.
L. B. WYNNE,
Clerk of Superior Court, Martin County, North Carolina.

Mostly For Looks

Everything is going in for looks and style these days, and the trend is costing the public a pretty price. The lowly cabbage is placed in a highly decorated can. The old cucumber pickle is packed in a fancy jar with exacting care, and a beautiful label attached to attract the eye. In short, there has been too everlasting much put on the outside of the can and jar and not enough of the food of life placed on the inside.

No cruel criticism is offered, but the practice of young high school girls and boys wearing caps and gowns for commencement time is foolish and next to absurd. Why does a parent, reportedly burdened to the earth with taxes for the support of the school, have to turn around and pay a few dollars rent that his son or daughter might be uncomfortably dressed while some over-rated orator in a few dreary minutes at commencement time prepared them for life just as if the eleven years of school had been a failure?

Some few years ago in a western college, a poor lad had worked his way to graduation time. Unable to raise the rental price for a cap and gown, he was denied his diploma. The young man was reported to have told the dean that he had rather be dressed in overalls and have his mind clothed in knowledge and his heart wrapped in the power of sympathetic understanding than to have an empty skull capped with a covered piece of cardboard with a tail attached and a black gown wrapped around



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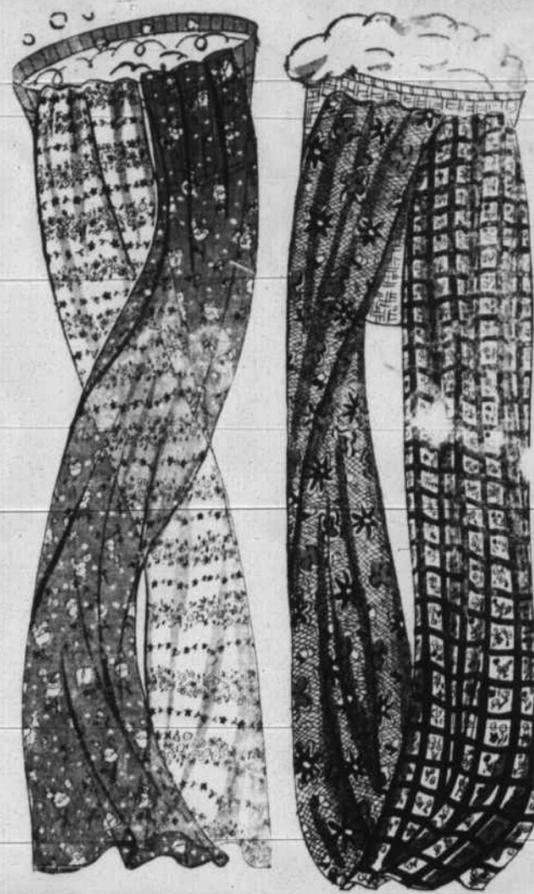
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