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Playground Next Summer Can Be Easily Had Here

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But Young Automobile Salesman Says He'd be Just as Tough or Tougher if He Had Inspector's Job.

"That State automobile inspector is a tough guy."

So says T. S. McMullan, Jr., who returned from Currituck Monday short of $14.34 which he had to pay for license on his Ford runabout.

"I told Mr. Studdert," says McMullan, "that the license had been stolen from my car or had been lost on my way to Currituck—that I didn't know it was gone until he had called my attention to it."

"That makes no difference," said Mr. Studdert. "I can't listen to excuses. Give me $14.34 and you can go back to Elizabeth City."

About this time Sheriff Flora spoke up. "I know this man McMullan," he said. "He is salesman for the Auto & Gas Engine Works and I am sure that he is honest in telling you that license has been taken out for the car and that the license tag was either stolen or lost."

"I can't help that," the inspector replied. "The license tag isn't in the brackets."

"I pulled out my check book," said Mr. McMullan, "and wrote a check for $14.34 and gave it to the inspector and told him that my old Ford was hardly worth that amount.

"In the few minutes that I was over there," he said, "I guess he collected over a hundred dollars. He collected from three Norfolk car drivers. One of them tried to get hard and told the inspector that the Virginia law gave them 30 days grace. 'You can't collect license from me,' the Norfolk man told him. 'I'll take it to court first.'

"'You may take it to court and win your law suit,' said the inspector, 'but it will cost you a great deal more than $14.34. Sheriff Flora, see that that Yelie doesn't leave here before the driver pays you for his license.'

"Those Norfolk fellows went home mad," said McMullan, "but none of them left Currituck without paying for their license. I don't blame the inspector for being hard. If I had his job I'd be just as hard as he is. He can't afford to listen to excuses. If he did he would never get anywhere with his work. There are a number of people in Currituck County who don't seem to know what an automobile license is."

George J. Studdert, the inspector, was in lower Currituck last week and has been working the upper part of the county this week. He sent over $600 for licenses collected last week and will probably turn in a larger sum this week.

NEWLAND ORGANIZES ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Newland, January 16—At a mass meeting of the larger boys of Newland High School last Monday an Athletic Association was organized. The following men were unanimously elected to compose the cabinet of the association: President, B. L. White; secretary and treasurer, John Brothers; volley ball captain, Everette Beamon; track managers, Logan Sharber, (running); Eugene Sharber, (jumping); baseball manager, Frank Sawyer.

Plans are being made for several contests with other schools during the spring months.

CAPTURE BIG STILL

Moyock, Jan. 16.—Federal prohibition officers from Norfolk captured one of the largest stills ever found in this county one day last week on the edge of the Dismal Swamp. There were men operating the still when the raiders arrived, but they all escaped. County officers found a smaller still Tuesday which was abandoned when they appeared.

WILL HAVE MONEY TO LEND STATE FARMERS

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—The North Carolina Agricultural Corporation was formed here yesterday to take advantage of the Federal land bank system and the statement was made that within a week it will have money to loan farmers for development of crops in North Carolina.

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"You have opportunity here that makes me envy you in the open space about your school plant. Supervision and room are the fundamental needs. Certain equipment such as baseballs and bats, volley balls and nets, and certain other comparatively inexpensive items will have to be purchased, but these are merely incidental expenses. Put a trained supervisor in charge of your play ground and with this little equipment she will organize the various units according to their age and physical vigor and will bring to pass results that will astound you.

"I say 'she'," said the speaker, "in response to a question from the floor, because men trained as play directors are scarce and command a high salary. But you can get a woman capable of directing play activities on your playground at a very much more moderate salary and I believe that she would fill your needs almost if not quite as well."

Unlike previous theorists who have sought to preach play grounds in Elizabeth City, Mr. Livers was intensely practical. "You can get a young woman such as I have spoken of," he said, "and you can start work this summer, without any more delay, so that when I come again I will find you busy doing and planning on your playground."

Mr. Livers also urged eight years work instead of seven in the lower grades and the need of a supervisor of music in the schools here. But those problems are to be tackled later. The biggest and best part of his message was that Elizabeth City need no longer talk about complicated and expensive and far-away play grounds, but may by the summer have a workable plan that will keep the children happy and busy during their vacation.

He did not confine himself to the school needs but referred to church and Sunday school needs as well.

"A girl can dance seven and a half miles Saturday night, snatch a mouthful of sleep and blithely take her place as teacher in the Sunday school, when, if one of the teachers in your day schools were to indulge in such practice she'd get the ax," he told his hearers. Better preachers, men who could be real community leaders, he declared to be the need and teachers in the Sunday school that would put in the work something of the same measure of ability and training and enthusiasm as teachers in the public schools.

Mr. Livers was heard with great interest, and the president of the Parent-Teachers' Association, Mrs. C. W. Melick, urged that all who were there would spread the good news which he brought to Elizabeth City.

Two Powers of Germany

Dr. A. Hermes (left), former German minister of finance, is in this country, and the other day, in company with Dr. Weidfeldt, German ambassador, called to pay his respects to President Coolidge. It is believed Dr. Hermes is in this country primarily to test sentiment for a loan to his country.

LATHAM TALKS TO MOYOCK BOOSTERS

Says This Section Unsurpassed for Raising Hogs for Market and Tells Moyockers How He Does It.

Moyock, Jan. 16.—Three speakers at the meeting of the Boosters Club here Tuesday night contributed to the success and value to the farmers of this section of the first of a series of ten meetings on cattle and hog raising. The meeting was well attended, enthusiastic and will prove without a doubt of great value to the members. T. B. Elliott presided at the meeting and introduced the speakers.

Grover W. Falls, County agent of Pasquotank County, outlined the proper method of preparing a permanent pasture. He recommended two years preparation, with lime treatment, small grain plowed under, and soy beans plowed under before the planting of a grass mixture adapted to the soil and climatic conditions.

In illustrating his remarks he gave instances of pastures in Pasquotank County which have been set out in a scientific manner and have paid their owners well. Some of these permanent pastures are five years old and still good he said.

W. Q. Jennings, a practical farmer of Elizabeth City who motored over with Mr. Falls from that city, was then called upon to tell of the results he has had on his permanent pasture.

Mr. Jennings told how he had taken his hogs out of the swamp at Mr. Falls' suggestion and put them on pasture. He said he had cut two tons of hay to the acre and had grazed a number of cows and hogs for five months.

"And that is not all the benefits from a pasture," said Mr. Jennings. "It leaves a rich piece of ground when it is plowed up. I have a piece that used to produce 10 bushels of corn to the acre which now produces 90 bushels. It's true more has been done to that land than plant a pasture but it was a great help. A pasture not only grows good hogs, cattle, and chickens, but it makes land."

Fred P. Latham of Belhaven was then asked to explain his system for raising hogs. Before beginning his interesting talk on hog raising Mr. Latham explained how he came to be present.

"When I saw a notice in the Elizabeth City Advance," he said, "that this meeting was to be held, I decided that something was going on in Currituck County I ought to know about. I believed a move had been made here that will tell on the future of the county and I made up my mind to be present."

Mr. Latham said he did not believe any section of the territory east of the Mississippi or south of the Ohio has the advantages to produce units of food for man and beast possessed by Tidewater North Carolina. He had just made a visit to the best cattle raising section of Kentucky and declared this section to have equal possibilities.

"As to hog growing," said Mr. Latham, "we can give the Middle West the two first cuts and beat them producing hog meat."

Mr. Latham's system consists in grazing the hogs on permanent pasture or cultivated crops for most of the year. He starts them on red clover and then rotates the feeding to oats, grass, Virginia soy beans or Havilants and some corn in the field. He finishes them off with a driving feed of fish meal, soy bean meal and corn. In his grazing rotation he uses some land for cultivated crops but he does not feed his pigs in the barn except for the finishing off process. In this he says the North and West cannot touch us with a 40-foot pole, and yet we are still importing pork and feed.

On Mr. Latham's 10 horse farm of 225 acres he hoped to produce 1,600 pounds of live pork for each horse unit. He actually produced this year 54,000 pounds and enough to serve the farm besides. His ten check hogs showed gains of from 1 to 2¾ pounds a day during the driving feed.

Mr. Latham said he would not have anything but a pure bred boar on his place, but that he would rather have a good two-third pure grade sow, that hustles, for commercial use than a sow with a basket of ribbons.

CHICAGO ROBBERY HAS BEEN SOLVED

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The million and a half union depot robbery which occurred here January 17, 1921, has been solved and a country-wide series of secret indictments will involve brokers and other business men, nationally known, according to the Herald-Examiner today, which quotes Federal authorities. Fifty men were arrested here yesterday and postal agents searched all night for others secretly indicted, says the newspaper.

PRISONER RETRACTS CONFESSION MADE

Charlestown, W. Va., Jan. 16.—Authorities at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, today requested the police here to forward the photograph and finger prints of William Hayes, alias Chas. Rollins, held here on the charge of pistol toting, who voluntarily confessed last week to having taken part in the slaying of two Oklahoma policemen but later retracted his confession.

TWO THOUSAND STOLEN FROM CHEROKEE INDIAN

Milton, N. C. January 16.—Two thousand dollars, of which $700 was in gold and the balance in bills and currency, was stolen from the Cherokee Indian doctor Ernest Jones last week. The 700 gold coins, according to Dr. Jones, was a heritage from his wife which he had never used but kept in a stocking, while the balance was the full proceeds of some tobacco which he had grown this season. No clue to the robbers has been found.

WINSTON-SALEM MINISTERS WILL DO THE INVITING

Winston Salem, Jan. 16 — The Ministerial Association of Winston-Salem is opposed to the coming here of evangelists and "free lance" preachers. Referring to the free lances as "experts" the association adopted a resolution opposing the inviting of such men to preach at Winston-Salem without the endorsement of the preachers of the city and unless the association added its invitation to that of others who might want them here.

MAY BUY RAILS WITH WHEAT

Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan. 16 — The railroads of Bulgaria, after 15 years of comparative neglect, are badly in need of repair and new equipment.

To this end the government is giving favorable consideration to the proposal of a Swedish syndicate to supply locomotives, cars and rails and take payment in tobacco and wheat. These products will come from next year's crop, the prices to be fixed in accordance with prevailing quotations at the time of delivery.

Booster Club Takes Good Samaritan Role

Moyock Booster Organization Has Unusual Idea Of Function of Chamber Commerce

Moyock, Jan. 16.—Currituck, like all other counties, has its unfortunate citizens. Not every county, however, has compensation in the presence of a live, energetic useful body of men such as the Boosters Club of Moyock. It was recently reported to the Boosters Club that a man lay dead in the vicinity of Tulls, with no means of burial.

There are other people living in that section who might have attended to the matter and Tulls is six miles or more from Moyock, so the responsibility might have been shifted to other shoulders without any reflection upon the Boosters Club. But the Boosters are made of better stuff. They sent one of their number immediately to locate the trouble and take necessary measures.

On Wednesday the body of J. C. Ackerson was found in his bed where he had died Sunday, January 6, and had remained for three days. Mrs. Ackerson, in a delicate condition of health, was making every effort to attend to the needs of her four young children, but was having poor success, due to lack of food.

The woman and her children were in a deplorable condition. Frightened, hungry, and distracted, they were in sore need of aid.

The Boosters Club stepped in through its representative and provided food for the unfortunate man's family and means of burial for the body. At the Boosters Club here Tuesday night individual members gave from their pockets enough to cover the expenses.

Mrs. Ackerson's father was located at South Norfolk and sent for. He persuaded the family to leave with him for his home there. Ackerson had been employed by C. C. Upton for about 20 years, according to reports. He had the reputation of dealing in moonshine liquor but was not regarded as a desperate or dangerous man.

NEW YORK CHOSEN AS CONVENTION CITY

Washington, January 16—After a stormy session the Democratic National Convention was last night awarded to New York over San Francisco and the time was set for June 27.

DECLARES TAXES IN VIRGINIA TOO HIGH

Richmond, Jan. 16.—The house of delegates here yesterday adopted a resolution declaring the present tax in Virginia on real and personal property too high and went on record as opposed to any tax increase.

MINERS ON STRIKE

Sydney, Nov Scotia, January 16—Twelve thousand workers in District Number 28, United Mine Workers of America, walked out today. Nine thousand of them quit because of failure of wage negotiations last night followed by the British Empire Steel Corporation's 20 per cent cut in scale, and 3,000 struck in sympathy.

CRUISER AGROUND

Galveston, Texas, January 16—The United States cruiser, Tacoma, is aground and is in disress on Banquillas Reefs, 16 miles from Vera Cruz, and is sending out distress calls saying that unless help arrives quickly it will be too late.

Wants Orphange Free From State Support

Raleigh, January 16—Grand Master H. M. Poteat in opening the thirteenth annual communication of the grand lodge of North Carolina went on record as wanting to see the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford free from State support and as urging the consummation of this plan which will cut off approximately $30,000 from the institution.

SHORT SESSION COURT

Marion Love, for violation of a city ordinance in driving cattle unhaltered through the streets, was taxed with the costs in police court Wednesday.

This was the only conviction in Wednesday's session of this court. Tuesday there were no convictions.

C. W. Overman still continues critically ill at his home 104 East Church street.

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[illegible] floor and followed the back stairway to the [illegible] store. The entire upper floor and roof were burned and only the walls were left standing. These are practically vagueness and even if this were not the case the structure could not be repaired as it is in the fire district in which no frame building construction can be authorized.

The alarm was turned in at 8:50 p. m. and the entire equipment of the fire department was used to combat the blaze, members of the fire company working until half an hour past midnight. Pump No. 3 tapped Poindexter creek at the bridge and pump No. 2 tapped the same stream at the Water street bridge, from which a hose was laid to the back of the building.

The building was occupied by a negro barber shop, a negro pool room, and a negro furniture store. The furniture was saved, but was considerably damaged by water.

Tuesday night's alarm was the fifth turned in this week, and the only serious fire among them. An alarm from box 16 called the department earlier in the day Tuesday to a flue fire at the home of C. W. Zachery, colored; a false alarm at half past 7 o'clock Monday evening called the department to Pennsylvania avenue; while two still alarms were turned in earlier in the day, one from the Foreman-Derrickson Veneering Company's plant, where overheated machinery had caused a blaze, and the other from the home of Lucie Glover, colored, on Culpepper street, which called the department to extinguish a flue fire. There was no damage in any of these three instances.

However, the fire department has been kept on the jump this week and, after the half night's work Tuesday, hopes that the week may pass without further alarms.

Lights were off while the fire department was fighting the fire, throwing business and residence sections in darkness at an early hour in the evening. Hardest hit, probably, were the drug stores and the movies.

WILL BE PLACED IN HOSPITAL FOR INSANE

Asheville, Jan. 16—Robert Moore, who recently killed another patient at the Highland Hospital, will not be tried but will be confined at a hospital for the insane in Georgia, it was stated here last night.

MORRISON TALKS ON FREIGHT RATES

New Bern, January 16—Speaking at the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting here yesterday, Governor Morrison advocated the building of terminals and the combination of water and rail traffic to overcome the excessive freight rates.

LUMBERMAN SHOT

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Six bandits today held up and robbed Lansing State Bank at Lansing, shot and perhaps fatally wounded John Beckman, lumberman, of Hammond, Indiana, who tried to prevent their escape, and fled with $7,500.

WALSH FLAYS FALL

Washington, Jan. 16. — Former Secretary Fall was today charged by Senator Walsh, Democrat, with having misled the Senate public lands committee when while investigating the Teapot Dome lease it inquired into the source from which he obtained funds for enlargement and restocking of his New Mexico ranch.

ASHEVILLE GROWS RAPIDLY

Asheville, Jan. 16— During the past three years Asheville's population has increased 40 per cent, or 10,401 persons, according to figures compiled by the local chamber of commerce. Two hundred and eighty-eight persons have moved to Asheville each month during that period, according to the figures.

COTTON MARKET

Spot cotton closed quiet today, declining 55 points. Middling 33.80. Futures closed as follows: January 33.88; March 33.53; May 33.73; July 32.60; October 28.10.

New York, Jan. 16.— Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Jan. 33.96, March 34.21, May 34.30, July 33.30, Oct. 28.60.