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Hats off to the Betterment association. It's doing worthy service.

The h. c. l. makes gardening in Brevard unusually popular. Everybody's doing it.

Make preparations to attend the county Sunday school rally and see that your Sunday school is represented.

Forest fires can be seen at night on the mountains. They are very costly to the land-owners and people should exercise more care when starting a fire in the woods.

Encourage your boy or girl to join the club and work for one of the prizes to be awarded at the coming school commencement. Start them on the road to Thrift, the capital of Success.

The News acknowledges correction from the Cherokee Scout, which says that Cherokee county has had a farm demonstration agent for two years instead of recently beginning the work, which has "been entirely satisfactory," adds the Scout.

"Upon the farmers of the country, therefore, in large measure rests the fate of the war and the fate of the nations," said President Wilson in his appeal to farmers and gardeners. He recognized their activities as a most patriotic service to the country.

The News has resumed the weekly Sunday school lessons prepared by Mr. Sellers of the Moody Bible Institute. You can get the gist of the lesson well summed up in the Sunday school column each week. It's worth reading even if you don't attend Sunday school.

Judging from the faithful army of loafers on the Square you wouldn't think of great activity in town, but the industrious class is building, painting-up, cleaning-up and making gardens and the loafing man, white or black, is loafing out of his own accord. Plenty to do in Brevard.

If you are a young man or woman and a descendant of a Confederate veteran and need financial help in attending school, look over the list of free scholarships in this number of the News and put in your application at once. By neglecting this you may be spurning the opportunity that would, by acceptance, make a great man or woman out of you.

A few hours of faithful work with a drag would place most of the roads in a good smooth condition but many of them were permitted to get hard and remain full of ruts and holes, which make a joke of everything the county is attempting to do in the way of road improvements. It is a disgrace and insult to a tax-paying people.

Many acres of soil have been turned within the past two weeks. Every farmer should make use of the opportunity presented him. Food products are scarce and will be shorter than in many years if there is active warfare with the United States. The farmer owes

it to himself and to his country to grow as much stuff as possible for it will be needed and most likely at top-notch prices.

Delaying Court.

Did you ever stop to think seriously over the difference between a judge and juror or witness when late at court? The judge can be a half or whole day late. Makes no explanation; opens court and if the juror who has possibly 25 miles to come either through zero weather or summer's sun does not answer the call he is called out and subject to a fine of \$50. This is a weak point in court machinery. In many instances, just as in Brevard this week, the judge is late. There should be a change in conditions either permitting or necessitating such. If judges have a compunction against traveling on Sunday and can't reach court on Monday morning they should be fore hand provide for opening court on Tuesday instead of Monday. It is costly to a county for jurors, defendants, litigants and witnesses to idle away their time and have no court and it is too inconvenient at busy times like this for the farmer to leave the field unless his services are needed. There are too many shortcomings in this respect and those in a position to prevent such should exercise their conscience or somebody should exercise it for them.

Hendersonville Again.

The News two weeks ago pointed out the folly of Hendersonville in claiming the whole earth and a fair-sized slice of the moon in mountain attractions, climate, water, etc., and last week the Hendersonville Hustler practiced the doctrine found in Proverbs 15:1.

In quite a flattering and satirical manner it sets us up on a high pedestal in a column editorial as an "ideal journalist," making its readers think that we took it upon ourselves to advocate Hendersonville's claims and winded boasts. Yes, the Hustler wants to "megaphonically" thank us and besides has advocated that the Hendersonville Board of Trade call a special meeting and give a big banquet in our honor just because we attempted to puncture the windbag of that town. Just as we said before, Hendersonville has plenty good things to boast without claiming exclusive rights to everything in the whole of Western Carolina.

But that irony, burlesque, sarcasm and satire was a masterpiece for the Hustler.

EVIDENCES OF PATRIOTISM ARE SEEN IN BREVARD

Brevard has not held any public patriotic demonstrations but flags can be seen waving in the breezes in various parts of town, from residences, places of business and autos, and lapels and hat bands bear small flags.

People are talking war on every side and reading the newspapers with interest. A few citizens have offered their services to the country, to various authorities, in the event of need, among them being Jos. S. Silverstein, T. H. Shipman, Ora L. Jones, W. E. Breese and Thomas Teague. Myardie Cloud has joined the navy, enlisting at Raleigh this week.

YOHEEYO CAMP SCHOOL TO OPEN ON JUNE 21

Illustrated pamphlets outlining the work and purposes of the Yoheeyo camp school for girls are being distributed. The school will make its initial opening on June 21. It will close on Aug. 31.

Girls from 10 to 21 years old will be received for instruction. The school will be conducted at the Clark place or Rock Brook farm and will be in charge of three directors.

New or renewal subscriptions (beginning January 1) will cost: \$1.00 for one year, 60 cents for 6 months, 35 cents for 3 months, 25 cents for 2 months.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

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LESSON FOR APRIL 22

JESUS ANOINTED AT BETHANY.

LESSON TEXT—John 12:1-11.
GOLDEN TEXT—She hath done what she could.—Mk. 14:3.

This is a lesson of Jesus in the home. It occurred at the beginning of the passion week. We have before us the master; the worker, Martha; the worshipper, Mary; the witness, Lazarus; the traitor, Judas, and the people without. An unconscious bit of wisdom fell from the lips of that good housewife who exclaimed, "How much better my neighbors' houses look when I have my windows clean." Too much we are looking through the eyes of selfishness. Out of this lesson let us learn to look through unselfish eyes.

1. Unjust Criticism (vv. 1-6). It is six days before Jesus' last Passover. The accounts of Matthew and Mark suggest it to have been within two days, because they mentioned this feast after telling of the conspiracy of the chief priests and elders with Judas, who came to his determination to sell his Master after the reprimand given him on this occasion.

(1) The Value of Good Deeds. Jesus did not forget, in the supreme hour of his life, the friends whom he loved. To bring them some further spiritual gifts, he had come to their home in Bethany. Doubtless he also had in mind the desire to nourish the faith which had been kindled in the hearts of all by the resurrection of Lazarus, just as he returned to Cana after having performed his first miracle (John 4:54). Jesus was Very God of Very God, yet he was very much of a real man; therefore he enjoyed the pleasures of home as much as other men, and the joys of kinship and brotherhood.

(2) The Wealth of Good Deeds. Out of her love Mary expended \$51, probably her whole treasure, in the purchase of this alabaster box, and put it aside to use it upon him at the proper time. We do not think that she stopped to calculate the cost of this ointment. Love never estimates value. Her deed proved a safer guide of conduct than the calculating prudence of Judas and the other disciples (see Matt. 26:8). Such deeds are always looked upon with suspicion. The Pharisees usually are the leaders in criticizing the actions of others. Envy lay at the bottom of their criticism, but good deeds are unconscious, for we read that "the house was filled with odor."

(3) A Standard of Good Deeds (Mark 14:8); "She did what she could," and we have also the record of good deeds, a memorial to her (Mark 14:9). A large number of people who never give of their own to the poor nor to the kingdom of God are willing to criticize others who do give out of the gratitude of their loving hearts.

II. Gracious Commendation (vv. 7-11). Jesus praised where his disciples and Judas criticized. The poor they always had with them (Mark 14:7). This must have been a challenge that evidently they had not attended to the poor as they should. Jesus also tells them frankly that whatever they do for him they must do speedily. Jesus' judgment upon Judas is a rebuke of the disciples; his exposure of the sophistry of the critics and of their subtlety is suggestive. Upon Mary's act he bestowed the highest possible praise. "She hath done what she could." That is all that is asked of anyone (II Cor. 8:12). Such commendation as Jesus bestowed upon Mary he bestowed upon no other, and his wonderful predictions concerning her (Matt. 26:13) have been literally fulfilled. Jesus' judgment upon Mary is also suggestive. He shielded her, "let her alone;" He approved her works as being good, and he interpreted her innermost purpose in the act which she had performed. This outward act was literally the pouring forth of her heart's adoration and worship. Martha was in part taken up with her household service. Lazarus was in part taken up with his enjoyment of the presence of Jesus, but Mary was wholly taken up with Jesus himself. Does the record surprise us: "Whosoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also which she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her?" Judas, under the judgment of Jesus, was stung (Matt. 26:14) and hurries at once to the enemies of Jesus to strike a bargain with them for the betrayal of his Lord though he did not secure from these enemies the equivalent of what she had poured upon him. Christ will be no man's debtor. He takes the poor offerings we lay before him, and crowns them with the richest reward. Mary's gift of ointment received words of commendation of which she never dreamed, and a reward far beyond her fondest hope, and has been the fount of countless deeds rich with love. Many people had gathered, not only for Jesus' sake, but that they might see Lazarus also. He drew people because of what Jesus had done for him, yet he drew them to Jesus. This brought him also under condemnation, for we must share the bitterness of the foes of Jesus.

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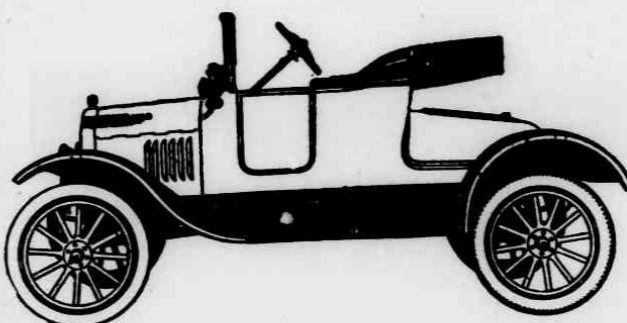
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