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A Sad Hour.

It was a dark and solemn hour when the death angel visited the home of W. V. and Annie Plemmons and took two precious jewels from the home. The two little children were only about one week old when death claimed them.

It was sad to part with the babies, but they're gone from a world of sorrow and sadness to a heaven of peace and love.

We should not grieve for the little ones; altho' it almost breaks our heart to part with such pure little hearts, but our Saviour is going to take care of all such jewels as these were.

Jesus said, "we must become as little children if we would enter the kingdom of God."

The attending physician pronounced that the little ones had a weak heart. The body of the little ones was interred in the Mount Pleasant cemetery.

This leaves a father, mother, one sister, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn the sad departure of the little babies. We want to extend our greatest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

We will drink the cup of sorrow.

That is left for us to drink, We will meet those precious jewels;

Beyond the river brink.

Should it be, we could have kept them,

We would do by them the part, To bring them up for Jesus, And with a loving heart.

They're gone from us to Heaven,

From a world of pain and woe, To joy and peace unceasing, Where crystal waters flow.

"Let little children come to me," the loving Saviour said, And in his arms they'll always be.

When graves give up the dead.
MRS. DEWEY BROWN.

State Income Tax Returns.

Burnsville, N. C.
Feb. 16, 1924.

The News-Record,
Marshall, N. C.
Gentlemen:

I expect to be in your county on the dates following for the purpose of helping those who wish help in making out their State Income Tax Return:

Marshall, March 3rd, at Court house.
Hot Springs, March 4th at Bank.

Stackhouse, March 5th, at office of Broad River Lumber Company.

Mars Hill, March 6th at Bank.
Will you please give this as much publicity as you feel you can, so that I may help as many as possible of those who wish to avail themselves of my services.

All individuals who are single and have an income of \$1000 or more and all married persons with income of \$2000 or more must file reports. All corporations and partnerships must file returns regardless of amount of income.

Thanking you for this favor, I am,
Yours very truly,
C. R. HAMRICK,
Deputy Commissioner

A Child's Curiosity And Interest

Elizabeth A. Perkins

What is curiosity?
Has it value
What are some of its results?
Ought we to curb a child's curiosity.

The baby cries for the moon. The small boy takes a perfectly good clock to pieces. The little girl steals into the room where the beautiful doll (which she was not to handle) has been placed, and takes off all of its clothing. A tired mother exclaims, "Johnnie is so mischievous; he is so curious about everything. It gets him into all sorts of trouble."

"What can we do about these things?" is a perfectly legitimate question from the tired mother.

What is curiosity? What does this great instinct mean to the child? How may we make it of value in the child's training and education? Plato said, "Curiosity is the mother of all knowledge." Kirkpatrick in "Fundamentals of Child Study" writes: "From the moment that the sunbeams dancing on the wall, or the little hands moving before the eyes, hold the infant's gaze, till the time when the latest discoveries in science are eagerly examined by the servant, curiosity in some form daily and hourly a factor in human action and thought."

"It may be described as an appetite for new experience. In infancy everything is new, hence everything is interesting, curiosity is early manifested in a tendency to prolong a sensation, as by gazing at a new object; or to reproduce it, as when a sound is made; or to act so as to get one or more additional sensations as when an object seen is felt of; or to find the relation of one sensation to others as when a child discovers that touching and object being struck will deaden the sound. Later similar things are tried of ideas."

Curiosity is a desire to know. Curiosity prolongs interest. As one part of a subject or thing is understood, curiosity gives the desire to go on studying. Curiosity produces a concentration in activity which we call attention.

Let us object to the wrong assumption that curiosity is meddlingness. It is not meddlingness in children. And let us remember, what is literally true, for both grownups and children, that if supplied with really vital matter over which to be curious and interested neither grownups nor children would be meddlingness.

Curiosity is of real value. Without curiosity the process of learning would be simply mechanical. Curiosity puts spirit and life into the process of learning.

Quoting further from Kirkpatrick "By means of curiosity a child is brought into intimate relation with various phases of his environment instead of simply those that minister to his existence. Everything around him is made a part of himself. The trees, the hills, birds, the people of his home surroundings are compared and related to what he finds in new surroundings."

Almost everything which the child learns through curiosity will be of future value to him. "A child who has learned that wood floats, wasps sting, plants grow, fire burns, etc., may on

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If you have a bit of news
Send it in;
Or a fact that will enthuse
Send it in;
A story that is true,
An incident that is new,
We want to hear from you—
Send it in.
Never mind about the style,
If the news is worth the while,
It may help to cause a smile—
Send it in!

—Selected

"Honor farmers" in North Carolina will continue the prosperity of the State this year. An "honor" farmer will feed himself and his live-stock with crops grown at home, will have an orchard, improve his soils, put his children in club work and add some home conveniences, say extension workers of the State College.

Mrs. Bunyan Ramsey, little son and daughter, Evelyn, and Bunyan, Jr. spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents on Baily's branch.

occasion use the knowledge in a practical way. Curiosity is continually preparing for the right response to conditions that may be met in the future. If a man never learned anything before he had occasion to use it, he would suffer in countless ways from improper and delayed action. Necessity is a great teacher, but curiosity is a greater teacher in early life, because, even in early infancy it gives lessons which prepare for life.

"The race as well as individuals, has learned much by means of curiosity. In its highest form curiosity has led to many scientific discoveries of no immediate practical value. Sooner or later however, these abstract scientific truths nearly always find practical application.

Every normal child has a large degree of curiosity which should be satisfied and encouraged. For the small boy a large box of blocks cut by a carpenter or by father has more fascination than a small box of more beautiful ones, for the larger number provides more combinations. For the little girl, a small doll which can be dressed again and again, provides more happiness than a very expensive one, which is to be looked at only.

But what about the boy who takes a perfectly good clock to pieces, or pulls up a plant to see it grow? An old clock taken to pieces and studied will satisfy the child's curiosity, and it is interesting, isn't it? Mother and child may take up one little plant very carefully and perhaps return it safely to the soil, and the child will see just how the little roots grow.

A fundamental principle to be taught children is to respect the property and rights of others—but and equally strong fundamental principle in child training is to arouse his interest in all things good, mechanical, living and spiritual, and to satisfy that curiosity and interest.

The normal child is a living interrogation. Fathers and mothers are great sources of information. Happy parents! Happy children!—Reprinted from the Union Signal of January 10th, 1924.

POSITIVELY no copy taken at The News-Record Office later than Wednesday afternoon.

This means Legal ads as well as any other article.

Thank you,
Mrs. J. H. White.

Walnut Items

Walnut has had a new correspondent for some months, but as the new correspondent has not showed up for some time I decided to send a few items. All items written from Walnut by me will have my name signed to them. All items that does not carry my name will be credited to some other writer.

The Presiding Elder, Rev. Mr. Sprinkle, preached a splendid sermon Sunday, February 10th at the Methodist church. Rev. Sprinkle was pastor of the Methodist church at Walnut several years ago and his old friends are always glad to see him.

Miss Kate Ramsey who has been an invalid for a number of years, died February 11th. The funeral was conducted at the station cemetery by Rev. J. L. Hurd. Miss Ramsey was the daughter of the late Rev. Woodard and Rebecca Ramsey. Her mother is still living and is one of the oldest women in this part of the country.

Rev's. W. H. Wright and Mallie Rice held a very successful revival meeting at Runnion. They reported a number of confessions.

Miss Haws gave her Sunday school class a pleasant time at the hotel on the evening of February 16th. Several out side of the class were invited and they reported a nice time.

Rev. W. H. Wright has gone to the hospital at Atlanta, Ga.

Little Lucy Gertrude Rice, the only child of Mr and Mrs. Willie Rice, died February 14th. Lucy was only 10 months and 4 days old. She was a bright and beautiful child and it was hard for her parents to give her up. The funeral service was conducted in the Methodist church and the little body was laid to rest in the Walnut cemetery. Lucy was so beautiful in her little white casket, she reminded me of a little angel quietly sleeping. So sleep on little Lucy until you shall be awakened at the resurrection of the just to be transplanted in the kingdom of God to sleep no more.

A good programme will be given by the Walnut school next Friday evening at 7:30 in the new school house.

Mrs. Hervy Hyde Memminger from Spruce Hill, Penn., is here on a visit to her father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Hyde.

Mr. Winston Cook one of the high school teachers was called to New York last Saturday to attend the funeral of his sister in-law.

Mr Sam Rigsby is very sick at this time.

B. E. GUTHRIE.

Somebody's Taking Your Measure

As you toil from the dawn of the morning
Until the set of the sun,
Do you see that your work is always
Well and carefully done?
It may seem that no one is watching,
That the details you well may
slight;

But somebody's taking your measure—
Are you doing your work just right?

You may work in a noisy work-room,
In the midst of a busy throng;
And your task seem all but endless,
And the hours weary and long,
But after your days work is finished,

Can't you feel that you've played the man?
Somebody's taking your measure—
Are you doing the best you can?

Though you are thrown with the crowd, work above them,
Do more than your share—it will pay,
Someone will see and remember the man
Who does well the tasks of each day,

There's always a bigger job waiting
If you work with a willing grace.
Somebody's taking your measure—
Are you fit for a larger place?

Shrubbery Remakes Appearance of a Home

More and more of our people are realizing that the making of money is not the sole object in life. As important as it is, there is no use of one making it the sole object. Let it play its part, but don't let it crowd out all the other finer things of life, such as the appreciation of beauty. Beautiful home grounds is something that all of us may have, whether rich or poor, or have small or large grounds, because it does not take a large amount of money for enough trees and shrubbery to remake the appearance of the home.

Every person who improves his home grounds with trees, shrubbery, flowers and grass influences others to do likewise. There is something about it that is catching. When a neighbor sees his friend remake the appearance of his home by properly planting the grounds, it automatically creates a desire on his part to improve his own grounds. It is like the snowball that is started down the hill, the farther it goes the bigger it gets. Therefore let those who improve and plant the home grounds do the best job possible, not only for the sake of his own place but for the effect it will have on others doing this kind of work.

January 1924 Tobacco Sales Report for Madison.

Madison county, number of houses 1, producers sales, 136,034; dealers sales, 8,210; total sales, 159,730; average 1924, 1950; average price 1923, 24.20; total season's producers' sales, 1,149,852.

From the Forks of Ivy.

We have just closed a revival meeting here which lasted fifteen days and was conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. N. B. Phillips, he was assisted by Rev. T. P. Eatman and notwithstanding the weather being extremely cold the church with few exceptions attended in a body day and night and while we have had some little hindering causes back of this we was made to fool and realize that God was with us and gave us a great meeting. Seven additions to the church and the membership greatly revived, pledging themselves to do more for the Master's cause in the future than they have ever done in the past and many of the older members expressed themselves that it was the greatest meeting they had ever seen at the Forks of Ivy and that the spirit of God was manifested in greater power than they had ever seen at this place.

Our Sunday school is 10 o'clock; prayer meeting 3:30. Our regular preaching days the first Sunday and Saturday before at 3 o'clock and the 3rd Sunday evening at 3 o'clock.

Hot Springs Items.

(Left over from last week)
The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs. Oliver died Friday with whooping cough.

Mrs. Lottie Brooks who has been ill for some time is slowly improving.

Rev. A. A. Angle will fill his regular appointment at Ottingers chapel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rollins have been quite sick for some time.

The new knitting mill runs every day working about 15 hands and are turning out some good work.

Mrs. P. E. Lawson has been quite sick with cold for the past week.

Mrs. Kitty Lawson from Broad River was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Eliza Rhinehardt is real sick with cold.

P. E. Lawson made a trip to Shutin Creek Sunday by motor.

A new wood yard in town run by Jeter Harrison. Good luck to Brooks & Barnes Co., hope they keep the good work going.
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Progress In Education

In 1900 the expenditures for schools in North Carolina amounted to less than \$1,000,000. This year the total expenditures will reach \$23,000,000.

In 1900 the expenditures for new school buildings were \$41,000. Last year the total expenditures were more than \$6,000,000.

In 22 years the value of school property increased from \$1,000,000 to \$35,000,000.

In 1900 the average salary of teachers was less than \$25.00 per month. Last year it was \$102.

In 1900 the average length of school term was 73 days. Last year, 141 days.

High school enrollment increased in 22 years from 22,000 to 48,000.

In 1900 there were no rural public libraries in the state. In 1923 there were more than 4,800.