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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

GOVERNOR SETS WEEK OF OCTOBER 9-15

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

The State of North Carolina has for years led in efforts to reduce fire waste and its attendant loss of life and property. October 9th to 15th inclusive, has been designated as FIRE PREVENTION WEEK through out the United States, and I appeal to our citizenship who are so familiar with the destruction of fire to become vitally interested in this great economic waste.

Carefully gathered statistics show that in 1926, \$6,649,039. worth of property was destroyed by fire; that 286 human beings were burned to death in North Carolina, caused largely through carelessness; compared with our National fire loss of 500 million dollars and 20,000 lives destroyed, this is low, but entirely too great for an intelligent citizenship such as ours. It is well known that carelessness and ignorance of fire hazard go had in hand as the chief causes of our great NATIONAL FIRE WASTE.

I, therefore, urge that the week of October 9th to 15th be set aside as FIRE PREVENTION WEEK in accordance with Section 6080 of the Consolidated Statutes, which provides that the Governor of North Carolina shall each year in October, issue a proclamation urging the people to a proper observance.

During this week I also urge that fire drills be held in schools, factories and stores, and that they be continued at regular intervals.

That schools, theaters, churches, public and private hospitals and institutions, factories, stores and hotels be inspected and see that every safeguard against fire is provided, and also that exit facilities are sufficient in case of fire.

That local authorities examine their fire ordinances and make them sufficient if they are lacking in any particular.

To this end I urge our citizens to thoroughly co-operate with our Insurance Commissioner, and that every mayor issue a Proclamation. I earnestly request the co-operation of every citizen, Chambers of Commerce, Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and Women's Clubs, and all other civic bodies and the press. As October 9th comes on Sunday, I especially appeal to the clergy and Sunday School superintendents to bring this to the attention of their people.

Now, therefore, I, A. W. McClean, Governor of North Carolina, in accordance with law, do issue this my Proclamation, and do set aside and designate

October 9th to 15th, 1927, as Fire Prevention Week and do urge all the people to a proper observance of this week in obedience to the statutes of North Carolina.

Done at our city of Raleigh, this 1st day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and in the one hundred and fifty-second year of our American Independence.

ANGUS W. McLEAN, Governor.
 CHARLES H. ENGLAND, Private Secretary.

Briney Roberts Is In The Hospital.

Briney Roberts, 15 years old, who lives in the Big Laurel section lost a finger last Saturday when he went on a squirrel hunting expedition by his gun being accidentally discharged. He was taken to the Mission hospital and an operation performed and he is getting along all right at last reports.

This is the second tragedy in connection with squirrel hunting Saturday which has been reported in this section. Another 15-year old boy, Elbert Henry of Wilmington, was killed in the Broad River section of Buncombe County late Saturday, when his gun, with which he intended to go hunting was discharged.

"Why don't you walk fast?"
 "Because I couldn't keep up with this colored shirt I'm wearing."
 "Talk like a sensible man."
 "Well if I walk fast the shirt will start to run."

WHAT I CAN I WILL

If I cannot compass great things That would bring undying fame;

If I cannot with earth's gifted Share exalted place and name; Then in simple ways I can I will aid my fellowmen.

If I cannot from immortal Masterpiece of prose or verse, Which the generations after Would with highest praise rehearse;

Lowly lines I can indite, Lending cheer, these will I write.

If I cannot scatter millions With a free, unstinted hand, If my meager benefactions Can no stately cause command, Still, though few my gifts and scant Boon I can yield, I will grant.

"What I can, I will;" this motto Ever let me study well.

That in part, at least, its meaning Shall my quickened service tell; What I can, I will today, Then tomorrow, if I may.

—By Phillips Burroughs Strong, in Kind Words.

"The Six-Year Molar"

This tooth is so often mistaken by the parents for a temporary tooth since it erupts about the age of six years. It does not replace any of the temporary teeth but erupts back of the temporary jaw teeth.

This six year molar is one of the most important teeth we ever have. It has been called the "key to occlusion," in other words, it is the four six years molars, an upper and a lower on either side, that holds the jaws in the proper relationship while the other teeth are taking their places in the jaws.

It is so often that we find this tooth decayed at a very early age, even sometimes when it is not fully erupted. The grooves are very deep in this tooth and it is difficult for the child to keep it clean. It is formed from different lobes or centers and sometimes we see a failure of the union of these lobes which will cause decay to set up, and the loss of the tooth if immediate attendance is not given it. When we lose a six year molar it will cause the tooth in the opposite jaw to become elongated since it has nothing to strike against, and the gum tissue is sure to become diseased. Also when the second molar comes through at the age of 12 (approximately) it will be in a tilted position causing a hammering force against the tooth that it strikes.

One of the greatest tragedies in dentistry is to see a child under 10 or 12-years of age come to you with an exposed nerve or an abscessed six-year molar. It takes about four or five years after the tooth erupts for the roots to be completely formed, therefore, to remove the nerve and fill the root canal is not successful.

The majority of grown people today have lost one or more of their six year molars simply because they did not know at the time that it was a permanent tooth, or either neglected it. If we wait until pain reminds us that something must be done, it is so often to our sorrow, and in a few instances we may find the tooth may never ache, but the decay will find its way into the pulp chamber, causing the nerve to die. Later this will abscess and the pus of course, is absorbed into the blood stream. Often we have heard someone talk about a "gum boil," and sometimes regard it as a trifling thing. When in reality a so called "gum boil" is nothing more or less than an abscess.

If more attention could be given this tooth and save it, then many of the problems that we now see would be eliminated. If the parents would only bear in mind that it is not necessary for a child to shed any of the temporary teeth to have this permanent six-year molar it would help them to realize that it is a permanent tooth.

The child should visit the dentist every three or four months for an examination. If there is not anything wrong it can soon be determined, and if there is, it can be treated easier, quicker and with less pain at that time than at any time thereafter.

L. H. BUTLER, D. D. S., N. C. State Board Health

DEWEY DOCKERY RECOVERING

VICTIM OF FREEMAN'S GUN IN QUARREL OVER DOG MUCH IMPROVED

Dewey Dockery, who was shot near Marshall by Charlie Freeman, farmer of the Baley Branch section, on September 16, was reported getting along well at the Mission Hospital in Asheville Sunday night, and has a good chance to recover.

Freeman is at liberty under \$1,000 bond. He is said to have shot Freeman as the result of a quarrel over a dog, which Freeman is alleged to have killed.

Doffs His 'High Hat'

Ted Lewis, known as the "High-Hatted Tragedian of Jazz" doffed his well-known high hat recently after a demonstration in a n Oldsmobile sport roadster. He said the sound of the motor was music to his ear and took immediate delivery. Lewis is using his new Oldsmobile as his personal car during his theatrical tour with his famous orchestra.

TAXES, HERE AND THERE!

(By IRA PLEMMONS)

From all over the State comes the cry about taxes. The Roanoke Rapids Herald in an article headed "Looks Very Unhealthy" says that an entire page of that paper was filled with a list of delinquent tax payers whose property is advertised for taxes. The list contains five townships out of twelve, so one can reckon the number of Halifax citizens whose property will go on the block. This looks very unhealthy."

According to the Bankers Magazine our State stands third in per capita gross State debt, with the per capita \$50.17, only two other states, South Dakota and Oregon, being above us in gross debt. New Hampshire is \$1.62, Ohio is \$2.08, Indiana is \$1.01, Kentucky is \$1.53, Tennessee is 5.90, Texas is \$0.75, and Wisconsin and Nebraska is nothing. Then it does appear that other states are getting along without so much debt. Indiana has perhaps the best roads and schools of any state and their tax rate is far less than ours. There may be some conditions more favorable to some of these states than ours, but I claim we are far enough in debt if the taxing of the people is to be kept at its present level or reduced.

It matters not whether any officer is paid out of County, State or Federal money; it all comes from the taxpayers, either directly or indirectly; in other words, if an officer is paid \$1,000.00 out of county funds, \$1,000 out of State funds, and \$1,000.00 out of Federal funds, it's just \$3,000.00 of taxes out of the pockets of the taxpayers. If I had three dollars in separate pockets and someone should take what I had in one pocket, I would be out \$1.00. If he took what I had in two pockets I would be out \$2.00, and if he went into the last pocket and took its contents, I would be "broke." It does seem that the taxing agencies are very nearly slipping the hand in the last pocket the taxpayers have, and now their property is going on the block. I have tried faithfully to point out that many, very many officers could be cut out and that, too, without our having to sacrifice any of the necessary services that we now have. However, the mere cutting out of officers is not enough. The offices that are very necessary should be run very carefully and economically so as to give the public the very best that a dollar will buy.

As I view it, much of our school deficit was unwisely spent. A deficit for two years of the enormous sum of \$51,780.87 appears to be too much. If you will note in Mr. Blake's audit for the School Board that Supt.'s salary of \$5,487.00, the per diem of the board of education, \$861.55, traveling expenses of the County Supt., \$923.24, Clerical, \$400.00 and office expense, \$464.31, makes a total expense of the county board for the school year 1926-27 of \$6,116.10. This seems expensive. The traveling expenses look very high. The superintendent must have made many

TERM OF CIVIL COURT OPENS AT MARSHALL

Judge Roy L. Deal, of Winston-Salem, N. C., is now here presiding at the term of civil court which convened on Monday morning. There is a short docket this term, and the first and most important case on the docket went before the court Monday—the case of C. C. Redmond versus the Southern Railway, in which the plaintiff asked for damages in the amount of \$50,000 for the death of his father who was killed at a crossing here in August, 1926.

LITTLE CECIL FREEMAN DEAD

Little Cecil Freeman two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Freeman, died at his home on Long Branch Thursday about six o'clock. The cause of his death was diphtheria and membranous croup. Surviving his death are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Freeman; two brothers, Carl and Wade Freeman; and two sisters, Pearl and Nellie Freeman.

thousand miles around here in Madison County. I really believe that if we had one of our own county men or women as superintendent that lots of this expense would have been saved. Our own County citizenship has a personal interest in the welfare of the County and I believe that if some person like Mr. M. A. James, Miss Ethel English, or some of the other fine young men or women of this home County had been superintendent that many, very many dollars would have been saved. Really I believe that this office should be given to our native citizenship.

What I consider to be the leading educator of the County wrote us the other day, "It is to be regretted that the debt is so large," and says further, "I fear that some money has been spent for non-essentials, and certainly here many student from outside the County were taught at the expense of the taxpayers in these townships." Just what he means, that someone from outside the County has been educated at the expense of the taxpayers in these townships, I do not quite understand. If he means that our tax money is being used for other than the student body of our own County, then I think that should be stopped, or at least require a reasonable payment as tuition, and that should go into the school funds as a credit.

I believe that all our officers should be elected by the people whom they are supposed to serve. I think they would feel more responsibility and render better service.

I have been waiting patiently for a correct audit of our school funds and it is to be hoped that Mr. Blake's audit is correct, for each audit seems to make the deficit larger. According to Mr. Blake's audit the previous audit was not correct, since it stated that these deficits had been accumulating over a number of years, but now it appears that all this deficit was for the past two years. I hold no brief for Prof. Henry, but I am frank to say in my opinion he was the best County Superintendent we have had for a number of years, and, too, it appears that he stayed within the budget as should be always. Under the administration following Prof. Henry the audit shows that every item except three was overdrawn from \$164.31 to \$13,326.77 and a total of \$33,327.71 for the one year, 1926-27.

Now how is this deficit to be met? Can we sell more bonds; will we have to sell more bonds? Or, will this have to be a direct tax. If we have reached the constitutional limit, then we cannot sell bonds, and it does appear that we have gone beyond the constitutional limit. Then if it's to be paid by direct tax, I say here and now that the taxpayers might just as well throw up their hands. Halifax County's condition will not be as bad as ours.

I do not expect everyone to agree with me in all that I am saying now, or have said. I have tried to give the facts just as they are without any preference for anyone. I have absolutely no motive except to give out the facts as I understand them and welcome any correction if I am wrong.

TOMATO-MELON DOES BURBANK IN HAW CREEK

The garden of J. A. McIntyre, of Haw Creek, has produced a fruit, or a vegetable, or both, that Thursday was puzzling all who had seen it.

It was grown on a tomato vine in a cantaloupe patch.

Three-fourths of the skin of the strange fruit was tomato. The other fourth resembled exactly the rind of a Rocky Ford cantaloupe.

When cut in two, the dual parentage was revealed inside. The meat of the melon penetrated deep into the fruit, and near the surface was a group of real cantaloupe seed, very different from the tomato seed to be found less than an inch away.

Mr. McIntyre, a former Buncombe county magistrate, said he stumbled upon the strange object when he was picking his melons Thursday morning.

THE HONEST MAN FINALLY IS FOUND BETTING ON FIGHT

Diogenes: If you will go to Cicero and to the home there of George A. Tuma, you will find he whom you have sought for these many centuries.

Tuma bet \$150 on Tunney to beat Dempsey. Monday he paid his wager. He said he counted 14 1-2 seconds while Tunney was down in the seventh round, and thinks Dempsey entitled to a knock-out victory.

—Asheville Citizen.

MEETING OF MARS HILL P. T. A.

The Mars Hill Parent-Teacher Association will have its regular meeting October 4th, 1927, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The subject for the meeting is "Know Your School." The program is as follows:

Devotional _____ Mr. Cox
 Song _____ By All
 Buildings _____ Miss Ethel English
 Grounds—Grammar School—Miss Murray. High School—Mr. Allen.
 General Equipment _____ Miss Tweed
 Discussion _____
 Special Music _____ Quartette
 Special Music _____ Solo

It was announced at the September meeting that the playground equipment was ready for use. This equipment is the only equipment in use in the Madison County schools. Quite a bit more improvement is to be made on the grounds before the term is closed. Recently a new curtain, painted by J. Bianchi of Asheville, was put on the stage at the High School; also another piano was bought for the Grammar School. Other improvements are expected to be made throughout the year.

ARMY PRIVATE ILL, MAY RETURN FROM CANAL ZONE

Private Chester O. Jarrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jarrett, of near Marshall, who has been ill for some time in the United States Army hospital at Christobal, Canal Zone, is unimproved, according to a message received Saturday by his parents. Young Jarrett, who is well known here, enlisted several months ago, and after preliminary training in New York, sailed with his company for the Canal Zone, where he has been ill almost since his arrival. A communication from the captain of his regiment recently stated that it was probable that he would be returned to the State soon, and placed in a hospital for treatment.—Asheville Citizen.

Mrs. Sambo—"Sambo Sambo! Wake up."
 Sambo—"I can't."
 Mrs. Sambo—"Why can't you?"
 Sambo—"I ain't asleep."

WHEN IT IS A DISGRACE TO BE A RICH MAN

It is a disgrace to a man to be rich when he has neglected his own higher nature, ignored the heart life of his own family, and forgotten God in the pursuit of money. No money spent in self-indulgence, no luxury lavished in his family, and no hush money offered to God can wipe out disgrace of that sort of riches or bring any joy into the selfish heart that has harbored them.

It is a disgrace to any man to be rich or even comfortably well off when his wife is worn out and overworked because she could not afford to employ help on the housekeeping allowance that he gave her. The work of feeding, clothing and housing a family demands the best effort of an intelligent woman; and if she must also do all the hard labor connected with it, she cannot hover the household and minister to the spiritual needs of the family at the same time. Modern life is complicated, and the demands that it makes on women must be taken into account in arranging the budget of any household.

It is a disgrace to a man to have any bank account at all if he has not done what he could to give his children an education and those social pleasures and advantages that young nature craves and should enjoy in a wholesome way.

It is a disgrace to a man to be rich when his own neighbor is too poor to educate his family and has received from the rich man no help and encouragement in his great task of life. The poor man's son, or the widow's daughter, that we have failed to help onward may be our condemnation and disgrace when we are judged of God.

It is a disgrace for a man to be rich when he has lived in a town or a community and left there no mark of his wealth to the public benefit. It is not even honest to draw riches from a community and do nothing for its uplift and the welfare of its people. The biggest bank account in town is the biggest disgrace in town if its owner has done nothing to help the town in which he lives.

It is a disgrace to a man to be rich when he holds membership in a church where the benevolent work fostered by that church is languishing for the want of money.

There are so many conditions under which riches may be a disgrace and a condemnation that we should look long at a bank account before calling it our own. If we could forget self and look at life in the white light of God's perfect love, there are many things that would look different to us; so it is well that we practice forgetting ourselves and, like the pure in heart, seeing God.

A man should never tell what he has saved and accumulated unless what he has accomplished and what service he has done the world measures up well with his bank account, and in the light of such a measure there will be little boasting done in this world.

CONSOLATION FOR POOR PENMEN

Dr. William Root of the University of Pittsburgh says that as a general rule persons of low mentality are good handwriters. "Intelligent people," according to Dr. Root, "think 20 times faster than they can write and, therefore, the arm is so far behind the activity of the brain that the result is poor writing. A person low in mentality has nothing else to think about but the shaping of his letters. But it does not necessarily follow that if you are a poor penman you are intelligent or vice versa."—Pathfinder.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR GUY FOXE HELD

Funeral services for Guy Foxe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Foxe, of the Faust community of Madison County, were conducted near the home of the deceased yesterday. Young Foxe was killed last Friday while working in a coal mine at Red Jacket, Va., and the remains were brought here for interment in the family cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Gregory, a close friend of the family of the deceased.

—Asheville Citizen.