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THOUGHTS FOR SERIOUS MOMENTS

When home is ruled according to God's word, angels might be asked to stay a night with us, and they would not find themselves out of their element.

Every noble activity makes room for itself. A great mind is a good sailor, as a great heart is—Emerson.

We exaggerate misfortune and happiness alike. We are never so wretched or happy as we say we are.—Babzar.

Education—everything depends on that, that is, where our hopes lie.—Sir Ofori Atta.

NOT INTERESTED

The town board of aldermen turned thumbs down on an offer made by the national forest service to purchase the watershed boundary from the town recently.

Aside from the fact that the tentative offer was only about a third of the purchase price paid for the land, the board felt it unwise to even waste time going into the matter.

There are too many controversies that can arise from joint ownership of land for watersheds by towns and the federal government to make such a proposition practical every time.

But it takes propositions like this to put a little "humor" in the office of alderman and keep it from becoming monotonous.

THEY MUST DO THE DISAPPEARING ACT

Back in 1928, Superintendent Stone, and other Waynesville school officials complained about the crowded conditions at the high school here.

Last year's enrollment reached 513, and the same space as was available in 1928 was used.

These 550 students are being taken care of in the same quarters that 350 were crowded seven years ago.

JOINING A NATIONAL PROGRAM

It is hard for the average layman to conceive the fact that \$300,000,000 is lost each year by the top soil that is washed into the Gulf of Mexico down the Mississippi River.

Not only is the top soil lost, but floods sweep over the levees and do untold damage to towns and crops yearly.

Commenting on the subject in the current issue of the Rotarian, Elmer T. Peterson says, "Man with his engineering ability could clear up the waters of such muddy rivers as the Mississippi. He could do so if he would go to the very source of the river and hold the water in the millions of small gulches, draws, ravines; if he would terrace farm lands, restore old marshes, reforest slopes and quit digging open drainage ditches and straightening rivers."

Mr. Peterson's solution to the great national problem is right in line with the program now being staged in Haywood county—that of terracing and reforestation.

We feel like damage done by the Mississippi is almost a foreign subject to us, but it isn't; in fact we are more to blame for the condition than the people living on the river's banks, because it is our top soil that is washing down the river, filling up the channels and causing the over-flows.

Besides having the best lands in the county washed away, we are causing hardships on those of the lower lands.

WANTS MORE SPANKING DONE

"Scores of Cleveland County youths need a couple of good spankings at the hands of the law, but the hands of the law are tied," said Juvenile Judge A. M. Hamrick, in Shelby, recently.

Unless we miss our guess, the same application of punishment could be used to a good advantage in Haywood County. If—if—such a thing could be brought about, it would be, in many instances, the first spank that many of them ever received.

ROBERT'S ITCHING FEET

From September 1, if Congress has adjourned by then, until the middle of October, Senator Robert Reynolds is going on a speaking tour over the entire country.

But Robert, patently, doesn't mind. Robert is a confirmed traveler. Why, 'way back yonder when he was running for lieutenant governor he upped and went to Europe, conducting all the time a novel post card campaign.

It wasn't long until Robert was planning to go to Cuba to see if America should intervene in the domestic troubles on that tortured island.

Now, as soon as Congress adjourns, Robert is going on a nationwide speaking tour in behalf of the Flag, after which he hopes to be one of the party of Congressmen which will visit The Philippine Islands to witness the inauguration of the home-grown administration there.

This itinerary does not, it will be seen, take notice of flag stops, family reunions, barbecues and just plain week-ends.

Cornfield Philosophy

"BY THE SWEAT OF HIS BROW"

That man should earn his living by the "sweat of his brow" is no idle saying of Holy writ.

The world has taken great and most wonderful strides forward and inventions have multiplied with the years.

And rightly so. Some things, yes many things, a machine cannot do. They have invented a plow that does wonders on the prairies and on the wide, smooth stretches, yet there must be a man to guide it.

They have a potato-digger that does very well on loose, smooth land, yet it does not dispense with hands altogether.

And I say again, it is all very well. Because this machine age has already become too top-sided and top-heavy, as you probably have observed.

The Cornfield Philosopher was talking with a farmer down in Iron Duff township a few days ago, recounting the days of a generation ago.

Now, I don't think they can ever invent a machine capable of picking up the tender tobacco plant and setting it out as it should be... if they do, they'll be "going some."

"WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?"

Forty years ago, yes even twenty-five, folks were not nearly in so big a hurry as they are today.

Therefore—What's your hurry?



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Two of the biggest night mares in the life of an editor are: Getting to press on time and typographical errors.

Last Wednesday night when the lights went out, just as we were in the grand last minute rush, I was walking in circles.

Lo, and behold, it was a big white cocoanut birthday cake with ever so many candles on it.

Not only did they have cake, but ice cream in everything—even iced water.

Several of the staff made speeches and offered witty, as well as timely congratulations.

Anyway, it was a swell affair, and even if the lights were off for almost an hour, it didn't seem to bother much.

There's no getting around the fact that advertising was responsible for the party—cause I saw to it that copy for last week's column got in early and inserted the date in same.

Had quite a chat with Rufus Siler last week, and he was most complimentary regarding the "columnists" of the paper.

R. H. Blackwell greeted Mrs. Russ this week: "How do you do, Mrs. Side Glances?"

William Hannah and Walter Crawford had a corner of the court house hall monopolized last week relating different extreme court cases and decisions.

The other day a car passing down Main street ran right up to Bill Lampkin, and one of the occupants threw out the following letter:

This is a beautiful place, but all you need is a man like our Uncle Huey to make it 100%. Your LOUISIANA FRIENDS.

Iszatso?

Tom Jimison, Charlotte News columnist, wound up his column recently with this paragraph: "A letter from an old friend, prominent merchant and farmer, in the eastern part of the state, closes with this: 'Remember me in your prayers, and be damn sure to bear down!'"

Which reminds me of the old man called upon by the visiting preacher to make the closing prayer of the service.

Now what I would like to know, could anyone in the congregation have been expected to have reverently heard the benediction?

Last week Jarvis Campbell gave

Two-Minute Sermon

By Thomas Hastwell

THE MOST INTERESTING BOOK EVER WRITTEN: To me the Old Testament is fascinatingly interesting. It is interesting in many ways, it tells of the creation of the heavens, the earth and mankind.

out of gas en route to Canton, but since he had 1,000 gallons on his truck the matter was of little concern to him.

Something you seldom ever see is a man cranking a car... but this week a car from Georgia had to be wound up for about five minutes before starting...

The biggest smile I've seen in a long time belonged to Jack Leatherwood, filling station operator, when a man driving a Lincoln from New York, drove in to have the oil changed—12 quarts at 35 cents per...

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the files of the Haywood Historical Society) Misses Rebecca and Mary Byrd have returned from a visit to relatives at Maggie...

Miss Josephine M. Green and Mr. Roy McCracken spent the day in Asheville.

Miss Carolina Thomas of Columbia, S. C., is the guest of Miss S. tertwhaite.

Miss Carrie Sue Adams entertained on Thursday afternoon in company with Mrs. Joe Graves.

Mrs. A. E. Moore and children entertained for their home in Gastonia after visiting Mrs. Moore's parents.

Mr. Theodore McCracken spent several days on Crabtree this week.

Mr. R. B. Holman, of Robeson, spending several days with his friends.

Mr. Fred Howell has returned after a visit to relatives in Knoxville.

Miss Lula Ferguson, of Gastonia, spent several days in town with friends this week.

Mrs. Ellen Posey and Master Clyde H. Ray, Jr. returned Monday after an extended visit to relatives in South Carolina.

Among the thoroughly delightful affairs of the week was the party given by Mrs. James E. Caraway on Tuesday afternoon.

A lovely bridge party was given last week by Mrs. R. L. Allen.

Those who attended the reception given Tuesday evening at the academy were given a rare treat.

The Asheville Citizen is conducting a great popularity contest.

Miss Annie Shoobred entertained on Thursday evening with a party in honor of her house guest.

The well kept grounds were beautifully illuminated with Japanese lanterns, while settees, hammocks and chairs were placed under the trees.

The reception hall and the dance room were banked with potted ferns of the most beautiful variety.

Demagogues are those who pile abominations which seem impossible that anyone could have committed.

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