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**THOUGHTS FOR SERIOUS MOMENTS**  
 Who can confess his poverty, look it in the face, destroys his sting; but a proud poor man, he is poor, indeed.—L. E. Landon.  
 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.—St. Matthew, ix, 33.  
 Each one sees what he carries in his heart.—Goethe.  
 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man; seek out his wickedness till thou find none.—Psalms, x, 15.  
 Few men make themselves masters of the things they write or speak.—Sedem.

**NEWSPAPERS AND CRIME**  
 It is often said that newspapers pay too much attention to crime. Criticisms of this kind usually come from two classes of persons, those who have little knowledge of the functions of a newspaper, and those who know absolutely nothing of the amount of crime extant in this country.  
 Are you aware that crime is now a business in this nation—and a big business at that? It is stated that there are more than 400,000 men and women making a living by crime in the United States today, and the estimated cost of their operations runs about \$13,000,000,000 a year.  
 It is estimated that about 10,000 persons are kidnapped each year; that 4,000 homes and places of business are robbed and that 50,000 men and women are the victims of highwaymen.  
 Crime is an organized business on a large scale. It is only when newspapers succeed in educating the people to the size, scope, and cost of crime, will the people become aroused and a united effort be made to curb criminals and their activities. To ignore or subordinate crime news is merely to subsidize criminals.—Morganton News-Herald.

**NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS**  
 The fact that many new year resolutions are broken almost as soon as made has furnished good material for jokesmiths, but in spite of this, the practice has value. As The Progressive Farmer says:—  
 "We believe in making new year resolutions. The man who does not look back over each year's efforts and try to learn something from them for the succeeding year is a poor stick of a man. Mules and dogs may be excused for making no effort of this sort. A man cannot.  
 "Nor should anyone ever deny the usefulness of all efforts at improvement merely because many of these efforts fail. A wise man has said: 'Ideals are like the stars by which the mariner steers his ship. He will not reach them, but in following them they will bring him to a haven of safety.' The man who tries hardest to profit by all the mistakes of his past will still fall short of his aims. But he will at least have the satisfaction of making each year's record a little better than the previous year's. The man who makes no such effort robs himself of a purposefulness that is one of the chief joys of living."

**BOYS DON'T WANT TO BE CRIMINALS**  
 Under modern conditions the under-privileged boy has become a major social problem. Work with him to date has proved that in many cases, the hazards of his unhealthy life can be minimized. It has also proved that he is probably the most promising approach for an attack on the terrific problem of crime, which has grown of late faster than Mr. Finney's famous turnip. Boys don't want to be criminals. They would rather go straight.—Julian Montgomery in the Rotarian Magazine.

**ANTI-DRINKING CAMPAIGN**  
 From Georgia recently comes news of a campaign launched by the University of Georgia against drinking at football games, in which the University chancellor issued an order barring intoxicated fans admission to games played at Athens. Athens police were asked to deny admission to all drunks and ask all who were seen drinking to leave the game.  
 This calls to mind the anti-drinking campaign put on at Davidson college at the beginning of the season when members of the student body pledged themselves to refrain from drinking at games and made public their request that alumni and other visiting fans, attending games at Davidson, do likewise.  
 The University of Minnesota this year took similar steps to curb the distressing practice, so prevalent in America, of going to football games in order to get too drunk to see what one goes to see.  
 The very fact that these three institutions, and perhaps others which have not come to our attention, have found it necessary to take steps to solve the problem, is an interesting commentary on the fact that the drinking evil at football games has reached such proportions that definite action against it has become necessary.  
 We have sufficient faith in the power of public opinion to feel that if the movement spreads to other colleges, and students and alumni leaders register their approval of public drunkenness, it might prove more effective than prohibition in squelching the drunks.—Cleveland Star.

**PRINTING CRIME NEWS**  
 One stops an editor on the street to lament that "the newspapers are making a great mistake in printing so much crime."  
 The newspapers, of course, are guilty.  
 The gentleman is right—they are printing too much crime.  
 And the reason they are guilty is because there is too much crime to print.  
 Whenever the public brings itself around to the point of minimizing its own criminal activities, the newspapers will be delighted that they have only a minimum to mention.  
 But the public has no kick against the newspapers that it should not first have administered to itself.  
 The newspapers are more than momentary agglomerations of happenings day by day.  
 They are writing the history of their era in these editions and if the historical data is soaked red with blood, that's not the newspapers' fault.  
 Unless they are miscreant, they will ruin their enterprise on the sheer momentum of the truth, the facts, the record, the actual history. If that reeks with brutal reality, they are not to be held accountable for that.  
 And this policy no more contributes to the multiplicity of crime than the discovery of diagnosis of a case of cancer makes for a spread of this malady.  
 You don't cure the latter by shutting the eye to it; neither do you eliminate crime by shutting the columns of a newspaper against it.—Julian Miller in Charlotte Observer.

**SENATOR'S EXPENSES**  
 Considerable comment has been caused by the publication in the New York Times of some items in the expense account of the United States Senate, including \$44,147 for stationery, \$64,000 for restaurant meals, \$8,000 for barber bills and \$6,350 for mineral waters.  
 Minor items include 500 aspirin tablets, three pounds of bicarbonate of soda, five gallons of witch hazel and small amounts of bromo-seltzer, soda mint tablets and medicated alcohol.  
 While the amount involved in all these senatorial perquisites is not sufficient to become a matter of national concern, it looks as if bills for purely personal expenses might well be paid by the Senators themselves. The example of such petty sponging is not inspiring.  
 Referring to the 500 aspirin tablets consumed by the solons, the Times thinks that these "do not represent the total amount of headache which the Senate has cost the country."—Cherokee Scout.

**THEY MIGHT BE ALIVE TODAY**  
 Pointing out that last year's annual automobile slaughter claimed some 36,000 unfortunate deaths, The Reader's Digest in its January issue declares that if the entire nation had applied the available engineering knowledge regarding highway safety as effectively as has a single large mid-Western city, some 22,800 of these victims would be alive today.



**Random SIDE GLANCES**  
 By W. CURTIS RUSS  
 Now that most of the pipes have thawed out, and water is again available, I suggest that the Chamber of Commerce or health department stage a "clean-up, bathe-up campaign."  
 The weather all last week and week before must have been the answer to the plumber's and coal dealer's prayers.  
 And according to old-timers, it was the coldest "snap" in 18 years, or since the "big freeze" in 1917-1918.  
 And of course it wouldn't be just right to miss the annual wise crack about the weather moderating just as Congress convenes—but at least very timely this year—eh?  
 For the first time since the "big freeze" 18 years ago, Lake Junaluska froze over solid—if that is any help to you in keeping chills from racing up and down your spine.  
 But the biggest cold weather yarn came from a very dry deacon. He tells that one morning when the mercury was down to six, that a glass of water on the dining room table had not frozen over night, but as soon as he built a hot fire in the kitchen and opened the connecting door, the glass froze hard and fast.  
 Now some of you weatherologists give the reason for such things as that.  
 Another yarn to come out of the recent cold was that about the farmer who went out to call his hogs, and as he called the sound froze just a few inches from his mouth, and he gathered then and took them to the house to thaw out.  
 But after all, I don't mind cold weather—but like it best in the summer.  
 And one of the best things about cold weather is that over-eating is not as hard on one as in the summer time—and that reminds me that tonight I'm to put my feet under the table of the Booster's Club banquet at Hazelwood and from all reports, that is one place where good vitals prevail.  
 Before leaving this subject of cold weather, I am curious to know whether or not anyone besides T. J. Davis saw me make a three-point landing on the ice in front of his place of business? That was the hardest fall I've had in many a day. (Two of the three points were my hands.)  
 Why is it that people not accustomed to talking over the telephone handle the receiver like it is going to shock them any minute? And according to Walter Mehaffey, there is but little "juice" in a phone.  
 Where are the little hickies that were on the market a few years ago that hung on the bottom of the light to make it easier to fix at night?  
 Br-r-r-r—some one has left the door open, and now I'm back on the weather again.  
 The coldest I've ever been was in Washington. The hottest in Greensboro—in the heaviest fog on top of Mt. Mitchell—in the coldest rain in Goldsboro—in the deepest snow in Waynesville, and so hungry at Wrightsville Beach that I could have eaten mayonnaise—which to me is just like thick castor oil.  
 But one of the most expensive cold weather experiences was caused by a bum thermometer—when the thermometer registered 50, the temperature was 30—but only after having the entire block of my car cracked did I find out the thing was wrong.  
 Which reminds me of the one Uncle Coot Allen tells—"A thermometer is

**Two-Minute Sermon**  
 By Thomas Hastwell  
 ONE FAULT AT A TIME: The new year brings with it the thought of a new start on a clean fresh page. A page on which we are to enter each transaction, each deed for every day in the year. At such a time it is a common practice to talk of New Year's resolutions and some even go so far at the beginning of each year to formulate a lot of resolutions as to what they will do or will refrain from doing during the coming year. Too often the act is but an idle gesture entered into casually and with little thought or intention of following it through seriously. The common error is that we attempt to take in too much territory at one time. We attempt to completely rebuild ourselves in one year. Commendable and desirable as this might be it is seldom possible. The wiser plan is to select one low spot, one point in which we fall short of our desired standard and concentrate on that until we have overcome it. Any man who will enter into such a program honestly and sincerely and put the best he has into it will in the course of time rebuild his whole life. One low spot built

just a pair of scales which you weigh the weather with."  
 Away back yonder, late one afternoon, just as the sun was sinking, and the cold damp chill of the evening was beginning to bite, my wife and I drove into Philadelphia. Both of us were so worn out that we stopped at the first hotel. Of course, after getting into our room knew we were in a swanky place, but never dreamed it would be \$12 for the night—and for the rest of the winter we were in a sweat.  
 To such a thing now, I would just give an icy stare.

up each year will make any man more efficient, more self reliant, more sure of himself. This is the surest and best way to come to the end of next year with a cleaner page and a better record than the record for the preceding year shows.  
 Original Seltzer Water is the spring water of Nieder-Selters in Prussia, Germany. It is now manufactured in great amounts in Europe and America.

**24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD**

(From the files of December 12, 1911)  
 Mass meeting at the court house on Thursday at 1 P. M. Everybody there.  
 Mr. C. G. Logan spent Sunday at home with his family.  
 Miss Roberta Osborne spent Sunday with Miss Carrie Sue Adams at her home here.  
 Mr. Will Thomas, of Whittier, spent several days during the week with relatives.  
 Mr. W. T. Lee has returned to Raleigh after spending ten days with his family here.  
 Miss Ella Smathers, of Turnpike, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Emma Willis.  
 Mrs. Steven Porter returned to her home in Andrews on Monday after visiting in the home of Mrs. McD Adams.  
 Miss Lucile Satterwaite, who is a student at Sweetbriar College, has returned home for the Christmas holidays.  
 A Bible makes a most acceptable gift. This paper offers a fine opportunity for you to get one at the most reasonable price.  
 Entertainments by local talent always prove most enjoyable occasions. So be sure to be on hand for the "Star of Bethlehem" at the Academy Friday evening.  
 There will be a box supper on Camp Branch at the new school house on the 10th of this month, on (Saturday night.) The occasion will be for the purpose of buying a library for the school. The public is cordially invited.  
 Let the children rush their Santa Claus letters into this paper at once. This paper will gladly print from the short ones to the long ones, but it will help to have them in right away.  
 The town council is now having some splendid work done on East Main street, which is being widened, straightened, graded down and otherwise improved. These improvements will add greatly to the appearance of that portion of town, and make it one of the most popular drives and walks for the residents and tourists.  
 The mass meeting called for Thursday at 1 P. M. at the court house should be largely attended. At the meeting plans will be devised for the raising of Haywood county's part towards the Western North Carolina Booster's Association, which is a matter of concern to the entire county. With all pulling together great things can be accomplished. Haywood is expected to do her part and she will.

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