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THOUGHTS

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, be ever acceptable in Thy sight O Lord my strength and my redeemer.—Psalm 19.

There is nothing so kingly as kindness and nothing so loyal as truth.—Kingsly.

MERCY

The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath; it is twice blest—it blesseth him that gives and him that takes: 'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes the throned monarch better than his crown: His scepter shows force of temporal power, The attribute to awe and majesty, Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings, But mercy is above the scepter'd sway,— It is enthroned in the hearts of kings, It is an attribute to God himself, And earthly power doth then show likest God's.

When mercy seasons justice.  
 —William Shakespeare.

What Chicago needs, more than Big Bill, is a big billy.—Virginian-Pilot.

The London Conference has at least succeeded in reducing its aims.—Publishers Syndicate.

One thing certain, the women in Congress don't do all the talking.—Mobile Register.

No doubt part of the rottenness of politics comes from the soils system.—Arkansas Bazette.

Awful thought. Suppose the millennium, when at last it comes, is held up until ratified by the Senate.—Los Angeles Times.

Fifty million powder-puffs were sold in this country last year. Some lucky manufacturers are making hay while the nose shines.—Punch.

"What is the present generation driving at?" asks a contemporary. About fifty miles per hour, I should imagine.—Passing Show, London.

A critic says the old-timers were more courteous than moderns. Even the old cars rattle before they strike.—Wooster Record.

An expert says that a really good diamond will make a hole in almost anything. Especially a banking account.—Rising Show.

Anybody could get rich if he could guess the exact moment at which a piece of junk becomes an antique.—Youngstown Vindicator.

Those Santo Dominican insurgents seem determined that the other end of their island shall not get all the attention.—Indianapolis Star.

We read that a New Zealander, who played the piano for one hundred and twelve hours without stopping, is coming to England. This country is always very good to refugees.—Punch.

Some of the coins in use in the South Sea Islands, we read, weigh as much as half a pound each. It is almost impossible to avoid earning big money there.—Humorist (London.)

Thrift is alleged to have become a vice in America, but little credence is attached to the rumor that many ostensible speak-easies are in really savings-banks.—Punch.

The BBC hopes to broadcast the roar of Niagara Falls. Another natural feature of the American continent to which we would gladly listen is the silence of the great open spaces.—Punch

A man recently accomplished the journey to Switzerland, without challenge, on his wife's passport. The authorities, no doubt, merely assumed that the "lady" was traveling in her winter sports costume.—Passing Show.

As a result of recent drag-net arrests in Chicago a notable decline in the number of robberies is reported. Most of the innocent citizens having been picked up by the police, there was no way of the robbers to get at them.—New York Times.

Somebody has discovered a region in West Virginia with 30,000 people and not a single telephone. Just the place we've been looking for. Sounds as if a man could do a day's work there without being interrupted by people calling wrong numbers.

DETROIT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Detroit attempts to solve her unemployment problem as far as the municipality is concerned by cutting from the city payroll all persons who are not naturalized citizens of the United States or natives and goes a step further by chopping off all persons on the pay roll who have not been residents of Detroit more than a year.

Detroit has the best of intentions in this regard but it does not alleviate the unemployment there. It is robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Displacing the non-citizens of Detroit and the unnaturalized does not help the unemploy-

ment situation, but gives employment to the chosen. Those who have been on the city payroll simply will go into the ranks of the unemployed and those who have been without work thus have a chance to get a job.

Unemployment is the worst this country has known since 1914, statistics point out and, although there is a high probability that the situation will be bettered, it seems to us that native Americans must be taken care of henceforth.

Immigrants by the hundreds of thousands pour into this country each year from foreign lands. They are willing to work for a cheaper wage than the American laborer and tend to lower our high standard of citizenship.

It appears that the United States can hardly assimilate the flood of immigrants coming annually and yet maintain the balance level of giving continuous work to the people already here.

The best and wisest thing congress can do is to get to the bottom of the issue and put up the bars against the stream of the poor from other lands thus giving American industry the part of absorbing the labor already on hand; giving it work continually and thus end the seemingly overproduction of labor

BIOGRAPHY COMES THROUGH

Historical biography is taking first rank in the literature of the world. Recently a flood of biographical works have been poured on the book markets and are eagerly devoured.

Since Lytton Strachey brought out his "Queen Victoria," the floodgates have been let down and the lives of Bismarck and Napoleon and "William II" have been written by Ludwig. In this country Albert J. Beveridge has admirably done a "John Marshall" and partially completed an "Abraham Lincoln." Claude Bowers has written of the Jacksonian period and followed it with a "Johnson."

Numerous lesser books dealing with historical subjects have come out and all are among the best sellers.

These books are putting a new light on history, which never should be uninteresting by clothing the dry meat and bones of historical fact with the blood and freshness of romance to make the great characters of history more human and believable.

Andre Maurois in writing on this earnestness for historical facts has this to say:

"In a period of unrest and reconstruction it is not only the great men that we need to understand, it is ourselves. The life of the great man helps us here. The elevator boy who said, 'In that man Napoleon, I find so many traits of my own character,' made an exact and profound observation. In relation to the world, scales and dimensions are of little importance. From the point of view of eternity, what is the difference between the ambition of an elevator boy who hopes to become a hotel manager and the ambition of a little Lieutenant of Brienne who hopes to become a general? Dreiser rightly gave the title 'American Tragedy' to a common elevator boy sort of tale. It was a tragedy as pathetic as the story of Oedipus or that of Macbeth. Human passions are not numerous; love, jealousy, ambition. And they are found in all men."

THE VALUE OF LITTLE THINGS

The story is being told of a lazy young man who got a job on an English railroad. He started "at the bottom" but didn't like the hard work. He asked the management for a "thinking job" and was told that if he would think of one idea a year which would save the company money they would give a salary proportioned to what he saved them. After a week he came back with his first idea. He had noticed that all the rolling stock of the road bore the initials of the Great Western Railway in gilt letters. Anybody could tell by looking at them, he said, that they belonged to a railway, so why paint on the unnecessary "R"? The company officials, whose head is an American, by the way, had an estimate made and found they could save \$35,000 a year by using "G. W." instead of "G. W. R." So the lazy man's salary is \$35,000 a year.

A famous economist once calculated that one inch added to the shirt tail of every inhabitant of China would make some millions of profit annually for the Manchester cotton mills. A boy in the stationery stock room of a big manufacturing concern worked out a plan for reducing all printed forms to a few standard sizes and grades of paper and saving the company \$25,000 a year. When the first Ford car to cross the Rock Mountains under its own power came back to the factory, Mr. Ford noticed that one bolt was missing. He learned that it had been lost east of Denver. "We don't need it, then," he said. The car design was changed to omit the unnecessary bolt, costing four or five cents to make and instal. The saving on the next twelve million Model T's was more than a half a million dollars.

Sometimes it pays to spend money liberally. It always pays to cut off unnecessary expense.

FOREST FIRES

Surry county citizens have been active supporters of the North Carolina Forest Service since it first became active in the county in 1926. Since that time, there have been 28 fires which burned a total area of 1,770 acres. This is indeed an enviable record since many counties have had single fires which burned as great and even greater acreages.

Foresters have generally accepted an ideal as to the number of acres which can be allowed to burn annually. The limit thus established is 1.10 of one per cent of the total forest area. The forest area of Surry county is 191,620 acres which would allow 192 acres to be burned each year. However, once an ideal has been reached, it ceases to be an ideal. In 1928 the fire acreage for the county was only 178 acres which is less than 1.10 of one per cent. Last year one county had only 5 acres burned so we can still establish the ideal of not having any fires during the entire year. Every resident of the county can assist in reaching this ideal by using the necessary precautions while in the woods.

SURRY SUPERIOR COURT BEGINS A TWO WEEKS TERM

ONLY MINOR CASES UP FOR TRIAL, JUDGE JOHNSON PRESIDING

The regular March term of Surry superior court, for a two weeks term for the trial of civil cases only, convened here today with Judge T. L. Johnson of Lumberton, presiding. While there are more than one hundred cases docketed for trial, none of the cases is of general county wide interest. The majority of the cases are considered of minor importance and it is expected that the docket will be practically cleaned during the two weeks the court is in session. The jury for this week is as follows: C. T. Hall, E. F. McNeer, M. D. Poplin, T. G. Braddock, B. H. Douglas, Morris Inman, Sr., Sam E. Banner, A. D. Hardy, R. L. Marion, C. C. McCann, A. J. Brooks, Roscoe Cook, M. R. Bailey, Chas. Brinkley, E. W. Linville, M. L. Ross, J. P. Lewis, J. W. Bowden, W. R. Stanley, T. M. Chilton.

The following is the report of Dr. M. T. Foster, county health officer for the month of February, 1930: Reportable cases diphtheria 2; quarantined by visit 2; gonorrhoea 3; scarlet fever 5; quarantined by mail 3; by visit 2; syphilis 1; tuberculosis 2; whooping cough 2; chickenpox, 8, quarantined by mail, 7, by visit 1; pallagra 1; pneumonia 5; influenza 7. Control practices, diphtheria released without culture 2; child contacts to scarlet fever quarantined 7 days, 1, diagnostic consultations to communicable diseases 1; Immunizations, completed toxin antitoxin, preschool children 38; completed toxin antitoxin, school children 228, completed anti-typhoid inoculations 219, smallpox vaccinations, first grade school children, 9 smallpox vaccinations other than first grade school children 13, pertussis 2; venereal disease control, syphilis, new cases at clinic 1, total cases at clinic 14, number given treatments 14; gonorrhoea, new cases at clinic 3, total cases at clinic 4, number given treatments 4; tuberculosis control, nurses' visits to cases or contacts, 13 nurses' visits to post sanatoria cases 4, visits to physicians or clinics for diagnosis or treatment 9, new cases registered with physicians or clinics for diagnosis or treatment 2; Prenatal, new prenatal cases visited by nurse 19, nurses visits to prenatal cases 10, cases delivered in hospital 1, midwives instructed and registered 2; Infant, nurse visits to infants under one year, 40, visits infants under one year to physicians 3; Pre-school child, nurse visits to children ages 1 to 5 years, 59; to medical conferences, 48, school child, number schools in area, white 47, colored 16, number children, weighed, first grade 389, notification of weight sent parents first grade 1, number of under weights weighed, first grade every 2 weeks 148; school children examined by physician 210; hours spent in examination by physician 6; number of the schools in which physician examined children 2, school children, vision, hearing and measurement by teacher or nurse 206; school children inspected by physician or nurse, 29; sanitation, number dairy farms 11, number dairy cows 230, sanitary inspections and reinspections 3, food handlers examined 4; dairy cows tuberculin tested 84; dairy farms inspected 19; rural privies built or improved 1; laboratory, examination for tuberculosis 4; for syphilis 20; for gonorrhoea 1; examination of milk samples 11; popular health instruction, number health pamphlets, placards, etc., distributed 950; articles on health published in newspapers, 4; lectures or talks on health, 1; County physician report: examination, prisoners 12; teachers, 1 child for industry 6, by court order 1, for admission to institution 2; visits to jail 9; visits to tions 2; for lunacy 1; post mortem county home 9; physical examinations, 7; patients treated 3; conferences 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster of Amarilla, Texas arrived here recently for an extended visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jones.

Bill Freeman, student at the State College, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Freeman.

A box supper will be given at the Cross Roads Baptist church located near Salem Park, on Saturday night, April 10th. The proceeds derived from the sale of boxes will be used for the benefit of the church.

Miss Blanche Jones of Sparta spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Hill.

Mrs. D. D. Riddle and small daughter Susan Waugh, and Miss Eliza Capehart of Sanford were recent guests of Mrs. Sallie Fol-

ger. A play "Oh-Kay" will be presented by the Dobson school in the high school auditorium on Friday evening, March 28th. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

The Young Peoples Missionary society of the Methodist church held their March meeting Friday evening with Misses Julia and Mazie Comer as joint hostess. Large pines and cut flowers decorated the room also. The guests were met at the door by Jessie Bell Haymore and Wilson Comer who directed them up the stairs. The wraps were taken by Irene Martin and Fannie Gillespie. They were then presented with tally cards in the shape of a shamrock with the number of their table and couple. At Misses Josie Stanley, Julia Comer and Margaret Harkrader. Others participating in the program were Misses Helen Harkrader and Maude Marion. At the conclusion of the business session a social hour was enjoyed

during which time delicious refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held with Miss Eva Collins.

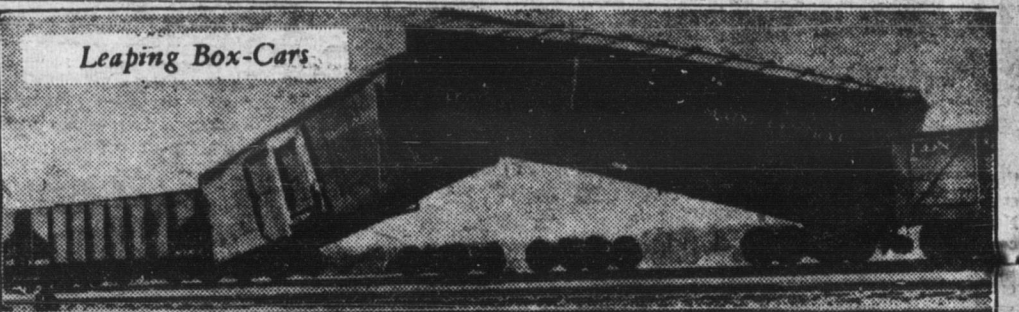
The annual Junior-Senior party of the Dobson high school was given Friday evening, March 14 in the home economics sewing room. The room was decorated with the class colors and Saint Patrick colors, green and white.

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Dobbins and Edwin Reid. Miss Margaret Harkrader directed the games and contests participated in during the evening. Misses Josie Stanley and Agnes White served refreshments. The favors of green and white mint baskets were filled with green and white mints. Just before leaving for their homes members of both classes formed a circle and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

T. M. Marsh, register of deeds issued marriage license the past week to L. M. Cockerham, Elkin, to Emma McCain, Wilkes county.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Edmonds, a daughter, named Mildred Spencer, on March 9th; Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mitchell a daughter, named Mary Sermantery, on March 9th; Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Fallin, a daughter, named Delsie Lee on March 10th.



An engineer on the Pennsylvania Main Line put on the brakes too suddenly with this curious result.



Kaye Don of England will try to break all records for speed on wheels with this curious car at Daytona Beach, Florida.

Buddies

