

TODAY and TOMORROW

FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

COCKATOO . . . humans

My wife and I were awakened before sun-up a few days ago by a cry of "Hello!" which seemed to come from the sky, followed by a raucous screech which sounded like a child in pain. We rushed to the window. The screeching continued. It came from the top of a tall ash tree close to the house. Perched on an upper branch was one of the most beautiful birds I have ever seen; pure white, with a crest of feathers tinged with pale yellow. It was bigger than a Leghorn pullet. The bird screamed "Hello!" at us again, and flew to another tree, emitting loud screeches as he flew.

Soon there was quite a gathering of neighbors on our front lawn, gazing up at the stranger. One of them was its owner. It was a trained Australian sulphur-crested cockatoo, he said, which he uses in a theatrical act, and had escaped when he was cleaning its cage.

The bird stayed in our trees for two days and nights, refusing to be coaxed back to captivity. He was beautiful to look at, but every time he screeched he reminded me of many people I have met, who are attractive until they open their mouths.

BEAUTY . . . skin deep
Coming up the path after a long rainy spell my wife saw two beautiful objects on the lawn which

had not been there the night before. They were globular mushrooms, one as big as a baby's head. She picked them and brought them to the house, where we all admired their beautiful skins, mottled like a leopard's pale brown and white. A couple of mornings later, after they had laid out on the front porch rail in the sun, I found the mushrooms had turned black and their insides were a slimy, stinking mess.

They were a perfect example of the truth of the old adage, "Beauty is only skin deep."

I sometimes wonder at the effort and expense to which so many girls and women go to make themselves beautiful. I never see one whose face and hair have obviously been fixed up at a "beauty parlor" without wondering what there is behind the artificial beauty. I like to look at a beautiful woman, as every man does, but for steady companionship I think most men prefer the ones who do not make the pursuit of beauty their main object in life.

STANDARDS . . . beauty measure

Men's standards of feminine beauty vary from country to country and from time to time, almost from man to man. It is a good thing for the great majority of young women that this is so, and that men seldom pick their wives for their beauty alone.

One of the reasons why Shakespeare is the universal and everlasting poet is that he does not describe his heroines except to tell us they were beautiful. Every man can apply his own standard of beauty to Juliet, of whom Shakespeare wrote only that she was young and beautiful. To the Scandinavian reader that makes Juliet a blonde; to the Italian she is a brunette; to Turks, who ad-

Wins Grand Prize



Miss Adelaide Pleasants, 19-year-old Greensboro girl just graduated from beauty school, who recently was winner over seven veteran beauticians for grand prize in the hair styling contest in Charlotte during the convention of Associated Cosmetologists of North Carolina. Miss Pleasants finished her course in June at King's Beauty School, Greensboro.

miere feminine plumpness, Juliet was fat; a Chinese Juliet would be slant-eyed; and if the beauty standards of the African jungle are those of the savage belles we have seen in the circus and the movie travel pictures, with huge, distended lips, or necks stretched to incredible lengths by encircling brass rings, one can imagine how the African beau would visualize Juliet if they ever read Shakespeare.

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder," an ancient philosopher wrote. No truer words were ever spoken.

TALENT . . . without beauty

Most of the girls who try to make themselves more beautiful than nature made them attempt, consciously or unconsciously, to look like some popular star of the stage or screen, usually the screen. Many think these actresses are popular because they are beautiful, while usually the contrary is true. They become popular stars because they have talent as actors, and most of them have to be artificially beautified for their public appearances. Most of them make no effort to look beautiful when not on the job of entertaining.

Almost without exception, however, the ones I have known have been delightful companions. Their charm came from their wit, vivacity, their voices and their intelligence, rather than from being pleasing to look at.

The greatest professional beauty of my time was Lillian Russell. When I last saw her she was in her sixties and still retained the classical loveliness which made her famous. But Lillian Russell was born beautiful.

Midway Is To Be New Feature of 3-Day Fair Here

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exhibition building free of charge. The track meet and field day will be staged Friday afternoon and the "Big Apple" contest will follow at 8 p. m., Friday night.

The secretary stated Wednesday that she would like all Elkin women who can, to aid in the exhibition building during the fair, and asked that all who can help, telephone her prior to the event.

The premium list this year, which includes many fine and worthwhile prizes, is in excess of \$600.

In the tall corn contest, which was planned following considerable comment on the tallness of Surry county corn as compared with the corn grown in two mid-western states, a bag of fertilizer will be awarded as prize.

Everyone is urged to enter exhibits in the fair. All who plan to do so are requested to notify the secretary as early as possible.

Owners of saddle horses, and boys and girls with ponies are urged to take part in the parade here next Thursday, even though these mounts are not eligible for prizes in the horse show. Everyone planning to take part in the parade should meet at the Chatham athletic field not later than 1:30 p. m.

Saturday Last Day of Pen and Pencil Offer

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Checks Sale Of Arms In Far East As Result of War

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trality act still remains on "a 24 hour basis." He said the question of invoking the act always is under consideration and has been for weeks.

Whether any specific attempt to ship arms on government vessels prompted the President to act today or whether he was motivated only by general apprehension for the future was not made clear.

There was immediate speculation, however, as to whether the President's edict will apply to the steamship Wichita, now en route from Baltimore for China with 19 large airplanes. The Wichita, government-owned but privately operated, sailed from Baltimore in August. It was scheduled to arrive at San Pedro, Calif., today, according to available information here.

Some observers considered it likely that the maritime commission would order the vessel not to proceed with its present cargo to China.

Holcomb-Long Clan in Reunion

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Journal and Sentinel, whose subject was "The Family and the Church."

He developed the theme of progress in the families, and their record for supporting the church. The Old Center is but one of the churches they have built and maintained, he pointed out.

"The church as an institution will never perish," Mr. Martin asserted. "They bade it goodbye in the Dark Ages. It revived, greater than ever. Now some of our outstanding commentators believe it is declining. They are wrong."

"The challenge of the world to the church today is not going to hurt the church, but make it stronger."

W. A. Speer, of Winston-Salem, presided at the reunion. Rev. R. L. Speer led prayer at the morning service.

New and old hymns were sung by the crowds under the leadership of a choir directed by Mr. Pendry.

Picnic lunch in old-fashioned copious style was served on long tables over the church and camp grounds.

W. A. Speer read a history of the Holcomb family. The name originated from a town in Lancashire, England. John Holcomb was mentioned in the "Visitations of England." He was a crusader. His effigy rests in old abbey at Dorchester, near Oxford, England. American Holcombes in the South began with Andrew, of Devonshire, England, who came first to the Barbadoes and then to Virginia, early in the eighteenth century.

The Holcomb and Long families have furnished Yadkin and other

sections with a good, substantial citizenship, that the county is proud of. May their descendants of the future live up to the civic and religious standard set by the passing families.

BURGISS REUNION TO BE HELD SEPT. 26TH

The annual Burgiss reunion will be held at Flat Rock Baptist church, near Hamptonville, on the fourth Sunday in September. The program will be in charge of the president of the organization, Dr. G. H. Burgiss, of Waxhaw, N. C., who will be assisted by the secretary, Rev. Grady Burgiss, a short talk to be made by both.

Friends as well as relatives will be given a hearty welcome, and are asked to bring a basket lunch.

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the auditorium, and at each of the rear corners of the building. Doors must be cut in the auditorium walls to give access to the escapes.

Outside entrances must also be provided in both the girls' and boys' toilets, and obstructions to the stairways leading from the auditorium must be removed.

The furnace and fuel room must be segregated by surrounding the areas with brick walls at least eight inches thick. Entrance to this section of the building must be from the outside only, according to specifications layed down by the insurance commissioner.

Just what action school authorities will take is not known, but it has been learned that if work on the building to make these changes is not begun within a reasonable length of time, the building is liable to be locked up, inasmuch as it provides a dangerous fire hazard to all children who occupy it.

W. W. Whitaker, chief of the fire department, stated that he had been seeking these changes for the past three years, knowing full well of the danger ever present. He also stated that he had been notified by the Central Electric and Telephone company, owner of the telephone building, that they were planning to erect a fire escape on their building at once.

Baptist General Meeting Monday
The general meeting of the circles of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will be held in the church Monday afternoon, September 20, at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.

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