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Apparently, 1937 is not a coal seller's idea of winter.

We believe in advertising—you might if you gave it a real trial.

An individual's intelligence can be measured by his attitude towards poetry.

A little less selfishness would go a long way to solving some of the nation's problems.

The champion killer of the age, it appears, is the automobile. Nobody seems to care.

**WASHINGTON'S GREATNESS**

The birthday of George Washington is nationally observed as a holiday and an occasion to recall the great services of this Revolutionary soldier and inspiring President of the baby republic that he had so much to do with establishing.

George Washington was, all mythical stories to the contrary, a man of his time. He was exceptionally well-informed for his era. In no sense whatever was he anything like an untutored woodsman and his successful career demonstrates conclusively the intelligent direction of his life.

Americans of this day and time are apt to regard Washington as a mythical miracle worker but the truth is just the opposite. He was a commanding figure in his epoch and his fame has endured through the years, largely because of the success of the republic that he helped to found.

We doubt if there is much to be gained, however, by going back to Washington for advice. He lived in an era far removed from present conditions and while his general observations as to basic principles are sound there is no suspicion that he had the faintest knowledge of the greatness destined to belong to his republic. Nor is there much reason to believe that he was a superior being, endowed with the sense of prophecy and able to foretell future events and advise how to meet future contingencies.

We make these observations mainly because we believe that the services of Washington will be better appreciated if they are viewed without any halo. He was a great leader, a wise statesman and a man worthy of emulation, even today.

**PEOPLE TO DECIDE**

The people of the country, who believed that the battle between conservatives and liberals for control of the government ended last November, or that the war was about to end, have another thought now since the President sent his message to Congress suggesting that the Supreme Court should vary between nine to fifteen members, depending upon the ages and tenure of the various justices.

Naturally, as everybody knows, the conservatives hailed the move as an outrageous attempt to "pack" the Court and accused the President of various motives and meannesses. The liberals, on the other hand, looked on the effort as a logical manoeuvre to complete the capture of the machinery of government in order to make effective certain reforms. The attitudes of individuals in almost any American community will be found divided in about the same manner, with the conservatives and liberals taking entirely different viewpoints.

There has been a deadlock between Court opinions as what is the proper sphere of governmental power, under the Constitution, and the New Deal idea of what the government should do to meet modern questions. Conservatives blandly assert that the Constitution does not give to the government any such power and back up their contention with the statement that the Supreme Court, set up to interpret the document, says so. Liberals, on the other hand, contend that the interpreta-

tion put upon the historic document is a "tortured construction," that rightly considered the Constitution is broad enough to warrant what has been attempted and add that one need not expect a conservative court to render a liberal opinion on this question.

Ordinarily, the deadlock would have been solved by the appointment of new justices as the occasion arose but, in the present instance, the justices remain healthy and stick to their jobs. The President has not had the opportunity to appoint a single member of the Court. Whether he should wait for such an opening and affect the deliberations of the judicial body by putting in his appointees, or force the issue by drastic legislation to accomplish the same end is the present issue. Upon it conservatives and liberals divide, forming the same ranks as have heretofore fought on the respective sides of the age-old conflict between the two divisions of people everywhere.

The Supreme Court is certainly within its rights when it passes upon the new laws. Nobody should censure a justice for sticking to his own conceptions of constitutional law or for remaining on the bench, regardless of what the voters may do at an election. On the other hand, let it be said, that the legislation proposed by the President is entirely Constitutional, within the powers of the legislative and executive branches of the government and, while undoubtedly a drastic resort, not revolutionary or apt to end the functions of the Court.

The President, apparently, thinks his policy is expedient and necessary under present conditions. He asks Congress for legislation to accomplish the object in view. To be true, he appeals to a Congress largely of his own political party but, just as true, one elected by the people of this country after nearly four years of Mr. Roosevelt's interpretation of democratic government. In the end, regardless of what is done in Washington this year, the people of the nation will pass final judgment. If Congress fails to represent them the issue will be settled at the polls in November, 1938, and Congressmen guessing wrong will be left at home.

**LIFTED**

**PIONEER AND PIONEERING**

Heaven preserve us! This young historian, Dr. C. C. Crittenden, secretary of the State Historical Commission, is asking proof, that old Davey Crockett visited Raleigh, before J. Hampton Rich, of Winston-Salem, erects a marker of his visit in Raleigh. Dr. Crittenden may know his history, but he is lamentably ignorant about the J. Hamp Rich school of the historical marker business. Davey Crockett may never have visited Raleigh, but in J. Hamp's hands he is due for some traveling now. A man who could run Daniel Boone's route west as far north as the Boston Commons is capable of showing Davey Crockett some real pioneering.—The News and Observer.

**MISTAKEN IDENTITY**

Norman, Okla., Feb. 22.—Sad relatives buried a man Saturday as "Sam H. Wilson." Today—thanks to a daughter's doubts—they rejoiced he was alive.

Sam H. Wilson and Sam W. Wilson were in the same ward of a hospital here. Both had paralysis. Both were 70. And they looked alike.

One died. The hospital notified the family of Sam H. Wilson. At funeral services in Davis, a daughter, Mrs. Pearl Royce, insisted the man was not her father. The wife and son assured her she was wrong. The man was buried.

Yesterday the daughter received a post card signed by her father. It was postmarked Saturday, the day of the funeral. She hurried to Norman.

"I'm not satisfied that was my father," she told hospital officials. "We got a card signed by him this morning. If you have any other Wilsons here, I'd like to see them."

As she walked across the ward floor, a smallish gray-haired man called out:

"Hello, Pearl. What in the world brings you here?"

She convinced hospital officials the man was her father. She showed them a tattoo of "SHW" on the father's forearm to prove it. The son was called and he was taken to the ward.

"That's him," said the younger Wilson, pointing to a bed.

"Hello, Bud," said the man. "Where is everybody coming from today?"

"Dad," said the son, "there's been a mistake made."

"Don't tell him," cautioned one of the hospital officials. "He doesn't know anything about it. Why worry him with it?"

Last night, Dr. D. W. Griffin, hospital superintendent, said the man who died was Sam W. Wilson. He had no relatives.

**PEOPLE'S FORUM**

Readers are invited to contribute to this column. Communications should be brief and carry the writer's correct name and address which will be published under the article. No communication will be accepted for publication unless it is signed. The publishers reserve the right to reject any article not deemed worthy of publication.

**FOR CROSSNORE**

"I want a book for my Mama, too. She can read hard books. No, she never got to High School, but she says she has read more this winter than she read in all her life before. She read this one since last Friday." We sent her "Little Women." In a little more than three months, three thousand books went out from our little library thru the school children, most of them children who came in on a bus; that means the isolated corners. Of the three thousand, only 29 were overdue. "I want a book of adventure but not one by Zane Gray." He got Lindbergh's "We." We are more short on books for high school boys than for any other group, but we are short on all. In every direction they are getting an appetite for reading. Let's feed it. We won't have a library truck this summer, but we hope to take books to these school bus routes, making the rounds in two weeks. We will have to "hitch hike." A neighbor with a car now, a tourist another time. Any help we can get, but we will go on regular days and they will meet us on the road. Won't you send us more books to give out? Hunt everywhere for them, and remind your neighbors and write to your friends. Not text books; we can't use them. But books such as your children enjoy or used to enjoy, and books that you know will whet that appetite for reading.

And speaking of this summer—who has a job for a big boy or girl? A light job for a middle sized boy or girl? A home for a little one who is hungry for love, and must stand by at the close of school and see "their folks" come for the more fortunate ones to take them "home." Did you ever stop to think what your life would have been if that word had been left out of it. They all need love and training and ideals, and the daily evidence of what a mother and father could be—a never-to-be-forgotten lesson in what a real home should be like.

The big boys and girls must have some pay. They can be a real help and they need money for their necessities next school year. And don't forget that we have a course in business here, and that those who have finished the two years which we give them have given real satisfaction in the places they occupy. Don't you need a stenographer or a bookkeeper, an office helper who knows what office ethics is? Few folks will undertake to clothe a big boy or girl. They are up against it, unless they can earn something in vacation.

The middle sized ones need clothes and a little spending money to spend wisely. When school is over, there isn't much left in these little wardrobes, and it isn't very costly to replenish them. And the little ones—you know what they need. Clothes—and love, and errands, and children, and kittens, and someone coming from work to meet.

Aren't there one hundred homes for one hundred Crossnore kiddies that no one will "come for" unless you do? Hurry up! Some requests have already come in and there may be more than one hundred, and then there'd be no one for you. MARCH 29th is Commencement Day. They can go after the 26th. School will probably open August 1st, though we won't know for sure till the politicians politic. Don't forget! BOOKS and HOMES.

And, oh yes—our last bit of cloth has vanished from the remnant shelf. The sewing class for women has had to close, and our girls will soon be out of quilt scraps. So it's BOOKS and HOMES and REMNANTS. And hurry, please. With everlasting gratitude.

Mary Martin Sloop, Crossnore School, Inc. Crossnore, N. C.

Both sides in Spain weary of war. British at Gibraltar hold.

**CHICKENS REQUIRE GOOD START TO MAKE MONEY**

"Get your baby chicks off to a good start and you will be in a better position to make money with your poultry flock this year," says Roy S. Dearstyne, extension poultry specialist at State College.

The first step, he said, is to get only good chicks. Hatch eggs from birds of a good type that are high producers, or buy chicks from reliable hatchers.

Then give the chicks a good chance. Feed a well balanced starter. Provide one mash hopper, five feet long, for each 100 chicks. Provide a half-gallon drinking fount for every 50 chicks. Do not start more than two chicks for each square foot of floor space.

Check brooder house temperatures at frequent intervals. More chicks have been killed by overheating than by chilling. Protect them from drafts but see that they get adequate ventilation.

Rigid sanitation will keep down disease. Do not let chicks come in contact with anything that may have been infected by older birds. Don't drug the chicks unless an emergency arises. If any chicks appear to be infected with disease, remove them at once, and investigate.

County farm agents and extension specialists will be glad to offer suggestions about disease control.

**FARM MANURE CREATES VALUABLE FERTILIZER**

An estimated \$12,000,000.00 worth of plant food is contained in the 8,000,000 tons of farm manure produced in North Carolina every year. Yet much of this plant food goes to waste because the manure is not cared for and utilized properly, said W. W. Woodhouse, Jr., assistant agronomist at the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Basing his estimate on the value of plant food in commercial fertilizer, Woodhouse said the manure produced annually on the average farm in this State is worth \$43.

He suggested that to get the best results, barns and lots should be cleaned often, and the manure should be spread on the fields as soon as possi-

ble. Properly cared for and utilized, enough manure would be available to apply three tons on every acre of corn grown in the State, he said.

But by valuing the manure according to the increased crop yields it could produce, he added, it is worth more than three times that amount. On this basis, the total manure production of the State is worth about \$40,000,000.

The experiment station has found that in a corn, wheat, and clover crop rotation, an application of three tons of manure every three years produced an increased crop valuation valued at \$4.78 for each ton that was applied.

A large part of the nitrogen and potash in manure is water soluble, Woodhouse pointed out, and it is easily lost through leaching. When manure is allowed to decompose in storage, large amounts of nitrogen are given off and lost as ammonia. Sufficient bedding should be provided in stables to absorb all liquids, as the liquids contain most of the nitrogen.

Although manure is valuable, Woodhouse added, it is not in itself a complete fertilizer, and it should be supplemented by other fertilizing materials.

**FARROWING HOUSES AND FEEDERS AID TO PIGS**

Pigs farrowed in February often die from excessive chilling that could be prevented by giving them adequate protection from cold weather, and the farmer who loses pigs in this way is really paying the price of a good farrowing house without getting its benefits, says H. W. Taylor, extension swine specialist at State College.

Taylor urges farmers to build a farrowing house for each brood sow. Or if old houses are available, clean and disinfect them thoroughly. Farrowing houses are not hard to build, he said, and the cost is low, much less than the loss that may be suffered by losing pigs through exposure.

A self-feeder is another advantage in hog production, he went on. The feed is kept before the growing pigs at all times, where they can get all they need. Pigs actually gain more weight from feed through

a self-feeded than they do from the same amount fed in ordinary troughs, he pointed out. Plans for building a farrowing house, plan No. 160, and plans No. 217 or No. 61 for building self-feeders may be obtained free from county farm agents.

**FORD DRIVES 25,000,000TH VEHICLE BEARING NAME**

Dearborn, Mich., Jan. 18.—Henry Ford stood today at the end of the final assembly line at the Ford Motor Company Rouge plant and watched workmen build the 25,000,000th Ford.

By his side was his son, Edsel Ford, the president of the Ford Motor Company, and the chiefs of his world-wide organization.

Completion of the 25,000,000th Ford represented the manufacture over the last 33 1-2 years, of more motor vehicles than are registered for operation today all over the United States.

J. M. Jenkins, of Stanfield, route 2, Cabarrus county reports 8,010 eggs from his flock of 500 leghorns for the past month. He says this is a profit of \$131.72 above feed cost.

**MAGNOLIA NEWS**

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Mrs. Pope and has lived with her for the past two years, and had been in very poor health the entire time. Rev. K. D. Brown of Burgaw, pastor of the local church, conducted the funeral at the home Thursday afternoon. Interment was made in the Magnolia Cemetery.

Dan Alligod, of Washington, is visiting his wife in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bostic, of Dobsons Chapel Community, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Clara Gavin.

Mrs. R. C. Horne and children, Florence Elizabeth, J. C. and Ralph, Jr., of Goldsboro, spent the week-end with Mrs. Florence Horne. Her husband joined her Sunday and all returned to Goldsboro Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Hattie Cox Gaylor has been quite ill since Friday. Her son, Charles P., of Goldsboro, spent Sunday with her.

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