

Adventures in reading

By J. Shelby Cook



APOLOGY AND CRITO from "Dialogues of Plato" edited by J. D. Kaplan, Washington Square Press, Inc. New York, 62 pages, \$4.45 (paperbound).

These two dialogues were written by the practical philosopher, Plato. Plato was born in Athens about 427 B. C. and as a young man wrote poetry and drama. He also began a career in politics. His own life was greatly influenced by Socrates, with whom these dialogues are concerned.

APOLOGY is Plato's account of the trial of Socrates, which took place in 399 B. C. Tried before the judges and citizens of Athens on charges of impiety and corrupting the young, he was found guilty and sentenced to death.

Socrates, you will remember, constantly urged people to self-improvement. In his dedicated search for wisdom, he had exposed their ignorance. The state and the people could not stand this "gadfly", for he disturbed their mental apathy.

The persons in the dialogue **APOLOGY** are Socrates, and Meletus, a poet, who opposes him. The scene takes place in the court and is, indeed, a stirring scene.

His words of truth and insight are valuable gems for any generation. Reading these dialogues slowly and reflecting upon their truths would be a rewarding venture for anyone.

Speaking of death, Socrates said, "Let us reflect in another way, and we shall see that there is good reason to hope that death is food; for one of two things -- either death is a state of nothingness and utter unconsc-

iousness, or, as men say, there is a change and migration of the soul from this world to another." Continuing, he said, "Above all, I shall then be able to continue my search into true and false knowledge; as in this world, so also in the next; and I shall find out who is wise, and is not. . . In another world they do not put a man to death for asking questions; assuredly not. For besides being happier than we are, they will be immortal, if what is said is true."

CRITO is the shorter of two dialogues with less than twenty pages in length. Socrates, while in his cell, awaiting death, was visited by his old friend, Crito, who had come with a plan for his escape. Socrates refused to escape.

In doing this, he would be bowing to public opinion. It would be a lie to all he has taught and lived. He preferred not to make a hypocrisy of his statement at the trial. Having stated then that he preferred death of exile, he did not go back on his word.

This dialogue between Socrates and Crito is most revealing. Socrates asked Crito, "But, why my dear Crito, should we care about the opinion of the many?" He told Crito that a good man "... ought not to retaliate or render evil for evil to anyone."

The state had passed sentence on Socrates, and he had no alternative but to submit. When told that he should think first of his children, Socrates replied "Think not of life and children first and of justice afterwards but of justice first, that you may be justified before the princes of the world below."

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RALPH L. MCCLURE
HAYESVILLE - Ralph L. McClure, 56, of Hayesville, Rt. 4, died Friday, November 5 in his home after a long illness.

He was a native of Clay County and a retired carpenter.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Margie Mease McClure; three daughters, Mrs. Nannie Lou Sawyer of Canton, Ohio, Mrs. Ruth Curtis of Jackson, S. C., and Mrs. Glenda Parker of Atlanta, Ga., four sons, James F. of Marietta, Ga., Blake of Birmingham, Ala., and David E. and Donald R. McClure, both of the home; three brothers, Lyle, Cecil and Sam McClure, all of Hayesville, and 11 grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Shiloh Baptist Church.

The Rev. Ronnie Ledford officiated and burial was in Hayesville Methodist Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Howard and Kenneth McClure, Paul and Ray Mease, Johnny Allberry and Willie Jones.

Ivie Funeral Home was in charge.

WALDROUP INFANT

HAYESVILLE - Willa Dean Waldroup, infant daughter of Paul and Shirlene Gribble Waldroup, died Monday morning, November 8, in a Towns County, Ga., hospital.

Surviving besides the parents are two sisters, Paula Beth and Tracy Leona, of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Gribble, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Waldroup, all of Franklin.

Graveside rites were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Philadelphia Cemetery. The Rev. Truett Hogsdoff officiating.

Ivie Funeral Home was in charge.

BEN CHEEK

HAYESVILLE - Ben Cheek, 79, of Hayesville, Rt. 1, died Saturday night, November 6, in a Towns County, Ga., hospital following a long illness.

He was a native of Cherokee County, a son of the late Bud and Elizabeth Collett Cheek, a member of Valley River Baptist Church and was a retired farmer.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Frankie Graham, Mrs. Nan Hodges, of Franklin four sons, Paul, John, Lyle and Carl Cheek of Hayesville; a sister, Mrs. Dora Lambert of Georgia; and 16 grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday in Oak Forest Methodist Church.

The Rev. Ronda Ledford and the Rev. Clyde Faulkner officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were John A. Ernal and Herbert Cheek, Richard McClure, Jermoe Smith and Garnet Nelson.

Ivie Funeral Home was in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford and daughters, Debbie and Fran attended the funeral of Mr. Crawford's aunt, Mrs. William T. Cook at Sylva Sunday afternoon in the Scott Creek Baptist Church. Mrs. Cook was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Ellen Crawford of Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Jolley and daughter, Susan and Miss Marian Jolley of Cartersville, Ga., were guests Saturday of Mrs. Florence Mull, enroute to Gatlinburg.

Mrs. Robert Akin, Mrs. Droa Akin, spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Akin's daughter, Mrs. Ruth Wallace of Knoxville, Tenn.

Miss Becky Jo Ray, student at University of Tennessee, Knoxville, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray.

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Comments On Farming

By: Bass U. Hyatt, Jr.

Following are some hard-earned facts that might be of benefit to some farmers.

(1) The type sprayer used on tomatoes is very important. A type that does not properly agitate the spray materials will allow the wettable powder to settle out.

The wettable powder will then be applied in much higher concentrations on the first plants sprayed than on plants sprayed later on as the container becomes less full. Symptoms showing inadequate spraying then appears in the tomatoes.

(2) To be successful in a cow-calf program it is important to have the cows calving at the proper time - December, January or February. Summer calves that will sell for a low price the first fall or have to be held through the winter cut down the profits with this type program.

Early spring calves should weigh more than 500 pounds by early fall and can normally be sold on a high market. A profit can be realized from a cow-calf operation if the calves can be marketed the first fall big and good enough to bring over \$100.00 each.

Either by cows or breed heifers to calve at the proper time. It is very unprofitable to change the calving dates of beef cows after they once start calving at the wrong time.

(3) Soil test and apply enough lime. Most farmers know to do this but they just don't get around to it. Lime can correct a lot of problems and with our soils it is a prerequisite to high yields on most crops. Lime is cheap here and it is the limiting factor with many of our crops.

Not always will additions of phosphate and potash increase yields. Soil tests pin-point the mineral or minerals that will limit the production of your future crops. Money spent buying these minerals will bring larger returns than just buying fertilizer at random.

(4) This year many of our tobacco producers harvested their tobacco too early. When the tobacco cured, there was an unnecessary percentage of

low quality tobacco. New producers or producers that have had trouble curing their tobacco should be sure the tobacco is ripe before harvesting. It does not require any more work to harvest ripe tobacco than green tobacco.

Letter To Editor

Dear Editor:

Three weeks ago, my son's teacher called me on the mat, regarding his grades. This was well and good, as his grades does leave something to be desired. I don't expect a straight "A" student son, so long as he reaches an average C to a B grade level and learns something, I will be very pleased.

His father didn't set any academic records, and has made out fairly well in life. What irks me about the grades has come to light, is, the teacher allows a choice few of the straight "A" girl students grade papers.

This is well and good, if properly graded! Well last week, my son brought home another paper showing a bad grade, to be signed. In reviewing this paper, I note that five (5) problems were marked wrong that were right. This was brought to the teachers attention, who of course, rectified this condition and apologized.

Now my question is, how many papers are passed thru the grading course, with correct answers marked wrong, resulting in a bad report card?

A fifth grade teacher should grade all of the student's papers.

Name withheld upon request

Hiwassee Dam Chapter Attends District Rally

The District VIII Rally of the Future Homemakers of America was held at Asheville Municipal Auditorium October 9. The theme of the meeting was "Building Blocks for the Future". The Rev. Mark Jenkins, Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church spoke on the topic of Morals and Manners Matter. Miss Susan Banks, President of the F.H.A. of N. C. presided over the rally.

Those attending the Rally were: Mrs. Lucile Connor, Chapter Advisor, Mrs. Vesta King, Chapter parent, and the following members of the Hiwassee Dam Chapter: Lola Reid, Linda Jenkins, Nell Raper, Brenda Prince, Cheryl Hamby, Barbara Prince, Wanda King, Lydia Gaddis, Sandra McDonald, and Bernice Turner. The number attending the Rally including Chapter A advisors, Chapter Parents, and members was 1,093.

Miss Mary Ruth Luther, student at Lees McRae College Banner Elk, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Luther.

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