

BEASTS OF BURDEN IN OTHER DAYS AND NOWADAYS—CLARK'S MEMORIES

(R. R. Clark in Greensboro News)

In the old days it was the custom of Charity and Children, the Thomasville orphanage paper remarks, to waun visitors to the annual meeting at the orphanage to hitch their mules to swinging limbs to prevent their gnawing the trees. Directions for parking the mules are no longer necessary, as they have ceased to appear at the annual orphanage events, but the Charity and Children editor confesses that the elimination of one annoyance has brought another in its wake. The Fords, he finds, "make more noise than forty mules." Which is the same as saying that if it isn't one thing it is something else. But there might be ground for debate about the noise. At public gatherings in the old days, especially at the country churches, when the grove was filled with livestock, the animals would sometimes set up a neighing and a braying that would make a fair accompaniment to the noise of a flock of motor cars. When services at the country church were so largely attended because the populace didn't have so many places to go as now, there were frequently two services on Sunday in summer especially on protracted meeting occasions. The folks carried lunch in abundance and the lunch was an event between the two discourses of the day. But few of the beasts of burden had lunch. A few of the righteous considered their beasts to the extent of providing a few ears of corn and a bundle of fodder, but most of them fasted until they could get home. In protest the animals sometimes made considerable noise, and they seemed more disposed to put on a chorus at a church service than at other gatherings. Possibly it was to remind the worshippers that the merciful man is merciful to his beast.

Many animals were hitched to swinging limbs but the practice didn't have its origin in a desire to protect the trees, which in the period under consideration were so many that little thought was given to their preservation. It was to keep the beast hitched. Many mules and horses acquired the accomplishment of rubbing off the bride the moment they were left to themselves. Obtaining freedom they wandered at will or returned home, which was more or less embarrassing and aggravating as well. Hitching to a swinging limb left the animal without something to rub his head against, and without that aid he couldn't remove the bridle.

Talking about mules and things, it is noticed that two boys in different sections of the state recently met death from a source that every farm reared boy was warned against from time immemorial. Taking the plow traces were looped over the hames. The loop on either side was an improvised stirrup to get on and off the animal, and a youngster would almost invariably keep his feet in the loop as he rode along, the same substituting the stirrups of a saddle. He was constantly warned that if his mount should try any stunt that would unseat him, his foot might hang in the trace and he would be dragged to almost certain death. But what boy ever gave that warning serious consideration? He was confident his animal wasn't going to start anything, and if he did he was abundantly able to take care of himself. The percentage of deaths from that cause never large, but sufficiently to show that the danger was always real. The other day a negro boy met death in just that way.

Another caution was to keep the reins free. The boy—simply because he was a boy and had to do something different—would sometimes fasten the reins around his waist or his neck, with the same possibility of fatal disaster if his animal got away. In the vicinity of Wilmington a few days ago a boy was found choked to death with the bridle reins around his neck. The same danger remains and the boys take chances just as they have done since they first handled livestock. The reason there are so few disasters of this kind is that not so many boys are riding stock to and from the plow. The ride on a bare-back animal outside the circus tent doesn't appeal as it did before the days of automobiles. Some of them ride to the fields in cars, and they now take chances with the cars, with more certainty of disaster. The cars are not so tractable as the work stock; or at least they won't stand for the mishandling that they may be visited on the average plow animal with reasonable safety.

Charlie Cordell Is On Charlotte Card

Charlotte News.

"Young Giant" Cordell, Shelby's premier mit handler, kayoed "Kid" Smith, Atlanta mauler, in the second bout of their scheduled ten round go in the Gate City. The fight was the main bout of a large crowd.

Cordell immediately jumped on the train and headed for Charlotte which he declared was to be his home from now on. Cordell arrived in town early yesterday and is seeking work here.

Tommy Spencer, his manager, stated that Cordell was ready to meet all comers under the 165 pound mark. The young giant tips the scales at 164 and is 22 years old and states that when he came to Charlotte he came for business. He expressed himself as being willing to meet Tommy Walker, Terry Roberts or any of the other fellows who could come down to 165.

He wishes to meet the McAdenville "Man Mauler" more than anyone else and is trying to get a bout with Terry arranged on the next card.

Cordell pulled a great come back when he floored the Atlanta boxer in the second round, for only one year ago the Atlantan took the now local fighter's measure.

SPANIARD PRAISES AMERICAN WOMEN

They Are Nation's Outstanding Claim To Distinction Says Visitor To Country

New York.—The girls of the United States are the nation's outstanding claim to distinction in the opinion of Jose Ignacio Escobar, son of the Marquis of Valdegiesias. The Marquis, who is the proprietor and editor of La Epoca, of Madrid, is winding up a six week's tour of America, on which he has been accompanied by his son, with a week's sightseeing in New York.

"The people here know little of Spain," the Marquis said yesterday at the Plaza, "and we in Spain know practically nothing of the United States. And it is through the people of each nation knowing personally the people of the other nation that strong and good relations are established between countries."

Praise for Father and Son

He dwelt for some time on the laws, the industries and the other weighty aspects of the United States when his son broke in with his highest praise, and thereafter father and son vied in giving expression to the thing that had truly enraptured them in America.

"But you have one thing more wonderful than all these," he said, "and that is your girls. They are all beautiful, and you see them everywhere. You may see one who has not a pretty face, but they are all beautifully formed."

"Perhaps it is the gymnastics which they do; perhaps it is the mixture of the races in America. And I have noticed, too, that there are no old people on the streets. It would seem perhaps, that you send the old people away to preserve the esthetics of the city."

"In Europe the laws are so hard on the poor women, but here they have all the privileges of men. They go to work, and everywhere that men go. And they are so well protected by the laws."

The law in America was something for which the Marquis could find nothing but admiration. It was so well respected he had found.

"They are all respected except some few that the Government doesn't very much care about," he said. "You know in Spain we say of America that the strongest institutions you have, the bank and the police are not respected."

The Chicago stockyards, the Ford Motor plant in Detroit and the skyscrapers completed the Marquis' conviction of the greatness of America.

Public Opinion Stilled

He explained that he and his paper had not supported the administration of Primo de Rivera, and that little free voicing of opinion was permitted in the press. Public opinion was stifled, he said, and therefore was sluggish.

"I am a great friend of the King," he said. "The King is the great Spaniard. And it is to him that I am loyal. And it is because all Spaniards are loyal to the King that the administration has been supported."

The war in Morocco had been unpopular with the people, he said, and they were thankful that it now appeared to be over.

As to the League of Nations, he said Spain felt she was entitled to a permanent seat chiefly because of her militant neutrality, both during the war and subsequently.

"In the war we were the only nation friendly both to the Allies and to Germany," he declared. "And we did all in our power to further intercourse between the nations. Since the war there has been another kind of war, a political war. And in that, too, Spain, in the disputes between the Allies, has been neutral."

Crowd Hears Pastor Who Killed Chipps

Texas Minister Will Plead Self-Defense At Trial For Slaying. Released On \$10,000 Bond

Fort Worth, Texas, July 19.—The Rev. J. Frank Norris, Baptist evangelist and fundamentalist leader, charged with murder for slaying D. E. Chipps, wealthy lumberman, in his church study Sunday preached to overflowing audiences Sunday as his attorneys drafted a self-defense plea for presentation before the grand jury Tuesday.

Using as his text "There is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus," Dr. Norris refrained from any direct mention of the shooting, but told his congregation that his faith was stronger than ever. Neither did he mention numerous messages from friends in various parts of the country offering aid and quoting passages of Scripture similar to his text.

Dr. Norris accepted converts as usual, his only show of emotion coming when many of his morning audience assembled near the pulpit to express sympathy.

Released on \$10,000 bond shortly after the shooting, Dr. Norris made

a statement to authorities that he shot Chipps in self-defense. Chipps, according to Mr. Norris, came to the First Baptist church study and threatened his life unless the pastor discontinued remarks about Mayor H. C. Meacham and other city officials. Chipps the pastor said, took exception to the stand he had taken on city finances.

L. H. Nutt, an official of the church, was the only eye witness to the shooting. He appeared before district attorney R. K. Hanger and told a story similar to that of Doctor Norris. Nutt said that Chipps threatened the pastor, but that he was unable to describe the actual shooting, as he did not see Dr. Norris obtain the pistol. The pastor said he took the weapon from a drawer when Chipps refused to leave the study and made a move as if to draw a gun. Deceitively declared they failed to find a gun when they searched Chipps' clothing.

Dr. Norris has taken a leading part in advocating fundamentalism for many years. He has published his doctrines in the Searchlight, a church newspaper, and it was in this publication that he printed articles dealing with the administration of city finances and other civic subjects.

Dr. Norris has been allied with Dr. John Roach Straton, of New York, in a campaign of fundamentalism. He also had held many conferences

-Town Topics-

Exercise your eyesight on this: Read the three lines and see off hand how many times the letter "f" occurs:

"Any brand of flakes carrying The name of W. K. Kellogg is good; The original bears this signature." A travelling man, D. Lawhorn, of Asheville, dropped into the office of the Arey Brothers, and by way of passing the time on a hot day, asked Ward Arey how many "f-s" there were in the composition.

Now read it before Ward Arey tells you the answer.—(Pause)— "Three," said Arey, and he was right, but not one man in a hundred can see more than one.

Mr. Claude Grigg, of Scotland county is a visitor to Shelby. He is a brother of J. H. Grigg, county superintendent, and is himself head of a high school in his bailiwick. The calling runs in the family. A third brother is preparing for school work.

The thermometer in Shelby Tuesday leveled the tube at exactly one hundred, according to Mr. Ebsforth. Cheer up, it might be worse. Some pessimists said it reached a hundred and four in the town. Mr. Weathers brought word home that the mercury climbed to 106 in Kings Mountain, "according to current report at that end of the county."

Miss Mary Roberts is now greeting customers at the Alexander jewelry store. She started in with her new position Tuesday. Seeing that women like jewelry, it is fitting that one should be employed to sell it, being able to set off its good qualities to those who like to handle fine things.

A party composing William Linberger and M. A. Spangler, of the Paragon Furniture company, and Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Suttle spent Tuesday at High Point where they visited the High Point mid-summer furniture exposition.

Messrs. Linberger and Spangler went on a buying mission, and according to Mr. Linberger's statement Wednesday, purchased quite a quantity of staple line furniture.

The visitors were highly pleased with the show, and declared from the evidence of activity in the big exposition building, the public is feecing up on the new high grade household articles.

Little Robert Jones Buried At Lattimore

(Special to The Star.)

The angel came Friday evening July 16, 1926 at 4:00 o'clock and took from our midst little George Robert Jones. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jones, of Lattimore. The little child had been sick for about three weeks. All was done that loving hands could do to save him but death was the only relief.

George Roberts was born Oct. 16, 1925 and was nine months of age at death. He was an unusually bright child and was the joy of the home where he will be greatly missed. We can't understand why he was taken while so young and sweet, just a growing, tender bud, but God always knows best for all.

The funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Lattimore by Rev. I. D. Harrill. The grave was covered with beautiful flowers. Surviving are his father and mother. The entire community sympathized with the bereaved ones in the loss of such a sweet child.

Work Begins On State Highway In Rutherford

Actual paving work upon state highway N. C. 29 in Rutherford county in the Chimney Rock region has started. Commencing at the eastern end of Luremont section number one, the work will progress westward, crossing the two new bridges spanning Pool Creek and Rocky Broad river, thence along the old highway through the village of Chimney Rock, beyond Esmeralda Inn, where it will connect with the Henderson county line.

The total distance is approximately four miles long. The Wilson Construction company, of Rutherfordton, has the paving contract and will place a large force upon the job. Large supplies of concrete, sand and gravel have already been placed upon the site, so that the paving operations may be expedited. Progress at the rate of two miles a month is anticipated.

Owing to the impossibility of making a detour along the river front, one half of the highway will be paved at a time, while traffic makes use of the other half, employing the flag patrol system to avoid blocking over the one way stretch.

Stone for the concrete highway is being furnished from the Lake Lure quarries at the rate of 150 cubic yards a day.

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