

THE IRON HORSE GOES MODERN

A familiar sight to all railroad fans, the engineer or the fireman squinting with a huge oil can at the iron horse's underside, is a thing of the past on the Norfolk Southern Railroad's five huge new locomotives.

The oil can is shelved on these modern steel in favor of an automatic oiling system, for these \$135,000 monsters are the most modern railroad equipment that money can buy.

You've heard the whistle... nights between ten and eleven o'clock and mornings between six and seven... it sounds like a giant liner signaling for the tender to open the bridge.

Yes, the whistle is different, too. It's heavier and larger and deeper, if the sound of a locomotive whistle can be all these things. And the engineer doesn't pull a cord to blow it. He pushes a button instead. It's blown by compressed air, not steam.

The purchase price of these powerful machines represents an investment of more than half a million dollars, \$675,000, to be exact. They outweigh the former freight locomotives used through Hertford, the old 4-8-0, by 30 tons each.

They pull easily up to 150 loaded cars. And if there are more cars to pull or a steep grade to climb, there is another gadget to lend the necessary aid. It's called a booster. The booster is a unit attached to the engine's underside that can be let down on the rails and used as an auxiliary.

Last Tuesday, on the first day's run, the new rail giant saved one hour and ten minutes in the first 130 miles.

The fireman, the fellow who used to shovel coal endlessly into the yawning maw of the firebox, now sits in the cab with his hands folded in his lap and gazes at the passing scenery. There's an automatic stoker to take over his shoveling duties in the modern manner. Maybe he has new duties now; maybe there isn't any fireman any more. The writer forgot to ask. But at any rate, it isn't the coal begrimed fireman of old.

The regular passenger locomotive,

the 4-6-0 to you model builders and train-watchers, is dwarfed beside this mammoth, panting powerhouse. You can sense the power as it pounds down the rails toward you. You can feel it in the throbbing of the air around you as it roars past. And above all, is the mighty whistle... a triumph in sound.

Railroading has come a long way since the days of pot-bellied smokestacks. Deisels and electricity and improved steam locomotives have relegated the Iron Horse of old to the limbo of ladies' hats that looked like hats.

But the "unkindest cut of all," the final transformation that takes the last shred of Romance from Railroading, is the shelving of the oil can...

What red-blooded youngster hasn't stood by in envy as the engineer (or was it the fireman) poked his long-nosed oilcan at the axles, at the drive-shafts, the connecting rods, and other vital parts of the sissing, steaming, panting piece of machinery that was always waiting only for a hand on the throttle and was always "rarin' to burn up the rails."

That was the real Romance of Railroading... but it's Gone With The Oilcan.

PINEY WOODS MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING

The Missionary Society of Piney Woods Friends Church met Saturday afternoon, February 10, in the home of Mrs. V. C. Lane with Mrs. T. C. Perry as joint hostess. The meeting was opened by singing "Rescue the Perishing," after which the devotional was conducted by Mrs. L. L. Winslow from Acts 9:1-22. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Trivette. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The lesson was conducted by the leader, Mrs. L. J. Winslow, from the study book, "Women and the Way," the topic being, "Women in the Home." Each of the following were dressed in costume representing a country and told something concerning the dress, customs and ways of the country she represented: China, Mrs. T. C. Perry; India, Mrs. L. L. Winslow; Africa, Mrs. H. P. White; Japan, Miss Lucy White; Korea, Mrs. J. C. Trivette; The Netherlands, Mrs. Mabel Harwood; England, Miss Margaret B. White; The Philippines, Mrs. R. R. White; South America, Mrs. L. J. Winslow; North America, Mrs. F. C. White.

A short playlette entitled "The Ghost," was presented by several members.

Many visits to the sick were reported. Mrs. F. C. White offered the closing prayer.

The hostess served delicious fruit Jello and cake to the following: Miss Lucy White, Miss Clara White, Miss Margaret B. White, Mrs. H. P. White, Mrs. L. L. Winslow, Mrs. Edwin S. White, Mrs. N. W. Chapell, Mrs. Callie Copeland, Mrs. Wayland White, Mrs. S. M. Winslow, Mrs. L. J. Winslow, Mrs. F. C. White, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Trivette, Mrs. R. R. White, Mrs. Mabel Harwood, Mrs. T. C. Perry, Mrs. V. C. Lane, and a visitor, Miss Elsie Copeland.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of Woodland Church met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Odell Cartwright with Mrs. Jack Benton as assistant hostess. The meeting was opened by singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Mrs. Eddie Harrell conducted a Spiritual Life program, after which Rev. J. O. Cranford offered prayer. "Lord, Speak to Me," was sung and Mrs. W. H. Cartwright read the Call to Worship. "Take the Name of Jesus With You" was sung and Mrs. Mary A. Keaton read a poem, "Prayer and Potatoes." The life history of Dr. Young L. Allen was given by Mrs. Jack Benton and Mrs. Ralph Harrell. After singing "Faith of Our Fathers," the Rev. Mr. Cranford dismissed the group with a prayer.

During the social hour the hostesses served ice cream, cake and mints. Those present were Mrs. W. M. Matthews, Mrs. Eddie Harrell, Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Mrs. W. H. Cartwright, Mrs. Mary A. Keaton, Mrs. Elmer Wood, Mrs. Ernest Cartwright, Mrs. Jack Benton, Mrs. Odell Cartwright, Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Cranford, Mrs. L. S. White, of Hertford, and Mrs. George W. Jackson.

WHITESTON NEWS

William Winslow, of the U. S. N., Portsmouth, Va., was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arbe Winslow.

Mrs. Carroll Williams spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lamb, at Tyner.

George W. Baker, of U. S. Coast Guard, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker.

Miss Edna Winslow spent last week in Hertford with her sister, Mrs. Roy Lane.

Mrs. Joseph Winslow and son of Bagley Swamp, visited relatives in this community Friday.

Prospects Brighten For Good Crop Year

Looking at the 1940 agricultural picture in North Carolina from a production standpoint, prospects for crops are good, says E. C. Blair, agronomist of the State College Extension Service.

For one thing, farmers have sown 130,000 acres in winter legumes, a far greater acreage than ever before. If these legumes are allowed to grow and gather nitrogen until April and are turned under and followed by corn, an increase of 10 bushels of corn to the acre, or a total of 1,300,000 bushels, should result.

Also, Tar Heel growers had 911,000 acres in lespedeza last year. As lespedeza usually occupies the land for two years, the chances are that only half this acreage will be used for another crop this year. If planted to corn, the land should produce 10 bushels more to the acre than formerly. Roughly, this would mean an increase of 450,000 acres, or 4,500,000 bushels of corn.

Blair said there is another reason why crops in the Piedmont should be good this year. The weather was unusually favorable for plowing during the fall of 1939, and, consequently, nearly all land intended for corn, cotton, and cowpeas was plowed before the end of December. This means that the soil has been subjected to freezing and thawing, which will thoroughly pulverize it before spring.

The freezes and thaws also will help to kill destructive insects, which gradually have been growing more abundant during the last two or three years of mild winters. Also, organic matter plowed into the soil last fall has had all winter to decay, and more of it will be usable by 1940 crops than would have been the case had plowing been delayed until spring.

CROSS ROADS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Perry and children one afternoon recently.

Miss Sarah Winborne, a student at W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Winborne.

Mrs. Louis Corprew and infant son have returned home from Windsor. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Corprew's mother, Mrs. Craig, who will spend sometime with them.

Mrs. W. A. Perry visited relatives on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winborne, Miss Elise Hines and Robert Winborne, of Suffolk, Va., spent Sunday with Miss Pattie Winborne and Mrs. W. H. Winborne.

Mrs. E. N. Elliott and Thomas Corprew visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Corprew Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott made a business trip to Norfolk, Va., on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Jr., and daughters were supper guests of Mrs. Hollowell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry, Sunday evening.

Thomas Corprew spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Corprew.

Hiller Fahey Byrum spent the week-end with Hutchings Winborne. Luke Hollowell, of Portsmouth, Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollowell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leary visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hollowell on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott visited Mrs. W. H. Winborne Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mattie Evans visited Mrs. R. H. Hollowell Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Ray Hollowell and daughter, Anne, of Edenton, were guests of Mrs. R. H. Hollowell at dinner on Friday.

Mrs. Lindsay Evans and Mrs. E. N. Elliott visited Mrs. W. H. Winborne Saturday evening.

Mrs. Gordon Blow has returned to her home in Edenton, after being with her mother, Mrs. R. H. Hollowell, for several weeks while she was ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Hollowell's friends will be delighted to know that she is up and around the house.

Miss Louise Wilson spent the week-end at her home at Chapanoke. Miss Marian Fiske went to her home at Moyock for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, of Chapanoke, were guests of Mrs. Z. W. Evans during the week-end.

Mrs. O. E. Lane, Misses Eleanor and Nellie Mae Lane, of Elizabeth City, visited Mrs. Z. W. Evans and Mrs. B. W. Evans Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Belle W. Parker visited Mrs. Annie Twine Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. D. Welch, Sr., and Mrs. Drew Welch called on Mrs. W. H. Winborne Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leary visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Byrum, at Center Hill, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. C. J. Hollowell spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. J. Cameron Boyce, at Center Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollowell and children and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hollowell and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Hobbs, at Hobberville, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell, Mrs. O. T. Hollowell and Mrs. Eva Forehand called on Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davidson Sunday afternoon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

STEWARDS IN THE KINGDOM

International Sunday School Lesson for February 22, 1940

GOLDEN TEXT: "Well done, good and faithful servant."—Matthew 25:21.

(Lesson Text: Matthew 25:14-27)

The twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew is one of extreme interest. In it Jesus gives the parables of the ten virgins and of the talents, and closes with a description of the last judgment. A careful reading of these should provoke very serious reflections upon life and its duties.

Only in Matthew's gospel do we find the parable of the talents. It was uttered by Jesus on the Tuesday night preceding his death, at a time when he knew that his three years of personal ministry was about to end. The future depended upon the activity of those to whom he was soon to intrust his mission.

The application of the parable of the talents is transparent and unequivocal. The man going into another country typified Jesus himself, soon to be crucified.

The servants called together to receive on trust the man's possessions represent the disciple and their successors in time who have received the spiritual riches of the Kingdom of God.

The measure of confidence and trust was expressed in talents, a rather large sum of money, an expression symbolic not only of riches, but including every endowment and privilege in life, health, mental ability and every asset which helps or improves a human being.

In the parable the necessity for some measure to conserve the Master's possession was inescapable, so, likewise, is the divine dependence upon human agencies to carry forward the work of the kingdom in this world.

In this division of the possessions each servant was made responsible in accordance with his own individual ability. How tragic it would be in life if we were held accountable for a performance beyond our endowment of qualification.

It is also interesting to note that all of these servants were regarded as trustworthy to the extent for which they were gifted and the owner granted them full freedom of action in the use of the treasure entrusted to them. So, in life, each soul receives wisely and generously from the Creator and is left in unrestricted liberty to employ whatever talents entrusted to it.

The three servants received five, two, and one talents, respectively.

The first two utilized their opportunity and justified the trust reposed in them, multiplying in trade by their activity the sum left in their care.

The one-talent man sulked, either because he was afraid to risk what he had, or because he made no effort to learn how to employ the money, or because of a conceited pride he was piqued over the smaller duty allotted to him, or, maybe, just because he was a little lazy and too much in love with ease and pleasure. Upon the master's return the servants were called in for an accounting.

The two energetic and faithful servants were rewarded by an enlarged sphere of activity and usefulness. Having proved themselves worthy, they were promoted. No difference was made in the treatment of the five-talent man and the two-talent man—both had been faithful, alert, and competent—which was all that the owner considered.

The one-talent servant was condemned for his neglect and lack of industry. There mere safe-keeping was nothing creditable, for the talent had been entrusted to him to be used and multiplied. It is incorrect to assume that this last servant had not lost anything; while he returned the talent intact, he had forever lost the time which had passed and the opportunity for usefulness which was gone.

"In every realm nature withdraws her gift from him who neglects or misuses it," aptly declares Newell Dwight Hillis, in commenting upon this parable. "Neglecting vision, the mole is punished with blindness; neglecting wings, the flying-fish finds these members hanging feebly by its side; neglecting to use the sap it receives, the branch withers, rots and falls away from the tree; while that monk who made a vow not to lift his hand from his side for a period of years found at last his arm a withered, helpless thing—dead, yet hanging to a living body. For use is life, neglect is atrophy and death. There is no talent that comes unasked; there is no grace of mind and heart that stays unurged."

The parable of the talents has an application to our own lives. Each of us will be held responsible for the ability to achieve and the opportunity for good which come to us. We will not be charged beyond our capabilities. Fortunately, however, the "talent" given to men by the Creator is one which can be multiplied by every aspiring soul.

In his description of the last judgment Jesus related how the final separation would take place and upon what it would be based. All that human beings are asked and expected to strive after is included in the in-

junction of Jesus: "Follow me." Those who were to inherit eternal life were those who had gone about doing good, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and helping unfortunate and distressed humanity wherever possible and whenever able. Those condemned were those who failed to do these simple things.

The members of neither group realized that they were solving the eternal judgment of life and death while they walked the highways of the earth. Nevertheless, in their daily actions or omissions, they were indicating the quality and whatever character of their souls, and demonstrating their fitness or unfitness for life eternal.

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POTASH SUPPLIES ARE ADEQUATE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—It has been officially announced that there is no danger of a shortage of potash fertilizers during the coming season. This comes as welcome and reassuring news to thousands of farmers, agricultural officials, and fertilizer men. Ever since the war broke out in Europe, they had been asking, "Will there be enough potash fertilizer this year?"

The critical scarcity of potash and skyrocketing of its price during the World War are still fresh in many minds. Prior thereto potash had to be imported from European countries. For a period during the World War it was almost impossible to get any potash for fertilizer. Yields and quality of crops suffered from lack of this important plant food, and it became impossible to farm some soils that were especially deficient in potash.

Today, the situation is very different, there now being several sources of American production. Even before the World War, some work had been done to locate potash in this country. Deposits were found in several western States, those at Searles Lake, California, being particularly important, and efforts to develop these were redoubled when the material became so scarce. After the war, the search continued, leading to the establishment on a permanent basis of the industry in California and the development of a potash industry in New Mexico.

In recent years the production of the California company and two companies in New Mexico has supplied a large share of American potash requirements. These companies are working their plants at full capacity, and their production added to imported stocks assures farmers of all the potash they need during the coming year. These plants are capable of further expansion to take care of all American needs. Deposits already being worked can take care of immediate needs, and reserves known to exist are extensive enough to last for many years to come.

The potash deposit in California consists of a porous crystalline mass which is permeated by a dense alkaline brine. This brine is pumped out and put through a refinery which takes out impurities and turns out a pure, high-grade muriate of potash. The deposits in New Mexico are in the form of salt beds about a thousand feet below the surface of the ground. Potash salts in a pure state are similar in appearance to ordinary table salt and, in fact, this is the principal impurity in the potash deposits. These salts are blasted loose and taken to the surface, where they are sent through a refinery. The product from these plants also is a very high grade of muriate of potash. Some of the raw salt is sold by the mines without refining, and this comes on the market as mixture salts. Recently some of the companies have begun the manufacture of sulphate of potash, a form needed on some of the specialty crops such as tobacco.