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A Record To Be Proud Of

Among many enviable records established by students in Sparta high school is an outstanding one set by three children of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mc. Reeves, who live near Sparta. These three, the oldest of whom is completing the eighth grade this year, have made the Honor Roll month since beginning the current school term, with no exception (one child failed to make it one month).

The three children, the parents and the school are to be congratulated for this achievement, also the county for its potential citizens.

A Need—An Opportunity

The greatest potential business development in this country today is that of building, equipping and furnishing better homes, according to the "American Builder."

"Recent official surveys show," says the "American Builder," "that millions of Americans live in homes without plumbing of any kind—without kitchen sinks, running water, indoor toilets or bathtubs. Rural homes are particularly bad in this respect—lack of modern conveniences and comforts is the rule in many sections, rather than the exception." And more than half of the entire population of the nation, the publication states, live in houses that do not meet the accepted requirements for a decent level of living.

Here is a great need—and a great opportunity. It's not only an opportunity for raising standards of housing, but for providing jobs and payrolls, for stimulating a thousand industries, for putting money into circulation.

America needs homes—and she needs the jobs and investment opportunities that home construction and modernization will provide.

When the boom starts, costs are going to rise—and rise fast. Supplies and materials and skilled labor will, as compared with present levels, be at a premium. The wise property owner, by building and repairing now, can spur recovery—and, at the same time, obtain a genuine bargain for himself.

Does War Pay?

The cost of the World War ran into the hundreds of billions of dollars. The depression which followed came largely because of the expenditure of treasure for destruction and war expenses. The nations involved, one and all, would have probably been better off today if the struggle had been avoided by a reasonable and fair compromise.

It has often been charged that manufacturers interested in the sale of war materials contribute towards building and maintaining a belligerent sentiment in human hearts. Unquestionably, war means more profits for certain groups of manufacturing enterprises. Senator Nye of North Dakota, recently made a comparison of the profits of certain large companies in the United States during the two periods of four years each, one quadrennium being during peace and the other during war. The figures are interesting:

	Four Peace Year Profits	Four War Year Profits
U. S. Steel	\$105,000,000	\$239,000,000
Dupont	6,000,000	58,000,000
Bethlehem Steel	6,000,000	49,000,000
Anconda Copper	10,000,000	34,000,000
Utah Copper	5,000,000	21,000,000
American Smelting and Refining	11,000,000	18,000,000
Republic Iron and Steel	4,000,000	17,000,000
Marcantile Marine	6,000,000	14,000,000
Black Powder	485,000	2,000,000
Sulphur Powder	1,000,000	7,000,000
Cement Powder	656,000	6,000,000
Wool Mfg. Co.	655,000	7,000,000
General Motors	7,000,000	21,000,000

If it were possible to take all profit out of war we could be certain that there would be many less such struggles. Not only the profit from manufacturing companies but the profit from the victorious nation, as well. In fact, even the victor does not profit by war but usually loses certain spoils in territory or otherwise which misleads it into believing the venture to have been profitable. Removing the profit from any evil will inevitably result in less popularity for the evil.

The Family Doctor

By John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

A CASE REPORT
Cerebral hemorrhage! How the doctor calls us—a burst vessel in the brain, causing paralysis. Everybody may well be interested. It's a "grown person's" disease, to deal with it, either as a man or patient. The doctor is called to see a neighbor, 65 years of age. A man of temperate habits; no overeating, no heart disease—nothing. He had been sweeping the porch. He was unable to put out the broom. Very weak—the right leg perfectly limp and stiff. It all came without warning within fifteen minutes. Found the family weeping—the much-loved father had had a "stroke." Of course we got him undressed and put him to bed, he being utterly helpless. There is much of vital importance in the management of these cases, that the family should understand. It is necessary to keep all indication of alarm from the patient, sometimes hard to do. Commonly all the relatives and neighbors crowd about the bed. Of course the family physician must be summoned, and a good nurse is worth her weight in gold in such emergencies. Be sure and remember that no emotion whatever must be displayed in the presence or hearing of the patient. Of course the outcome is related to the extent of the hemorrhage and the general condition of the patient. A temperate life here bears valuable fruit. If you get out of the affair with a live patient you consider yourself fortunate. The leg may "come back," but the arm may be damaged for life. My patient is doing well.

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures ...

by BRUCE BARTON

ALWAYS A RIGHTEOUS MAN

In every wicked reign there was a righteous man of God who could be neither bribed nor intimidated. He stood forth crying "Thus saith the Lord," and though the king writhed and fumed and sought to destroy, the prophet was the victor.

The first of this exalted company was Nathan, who was court preacher in the reign of David. When that mighty monarch had stolen the wife of the brave soldier Uriah and compounded the crime by sending Uriah into the front line of the battle, Nathan appeared at the court and announced that he had come to tell the king a story. There were two men in a certain city, he said, the one rich, having many flocks and herds, and the other so poor that he possessed only one little ewe lamb. And the rich man, desiring a banquet, had spared all of his own big flocks and appropriated the poor man's one lamb.

And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die.

And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man.

Picture to yourself the spectacle. The king on his golden throne surrounded by his lords and soldiers; the penniless preacher, clothed in rough skins, with no power but Truth, no protection but the flaming sword of moral courage. "Thou art the man." The effect was immediate.

And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord, and David fasted, and went in,

and lay all night upon the earth. After Nathan came Elijah the Tishbite, a hairy man, living alone in the woods, drinking the water of mountain streams, and fed by ravens. He it was who stood out against the four hundred prophets of the religion of Baal which the wicked Queen Jezebel had imported, and challenged them to a life and death contest. They were to build their altar and lay their sacrifice thereon; he would lay a similar sacrifice on the altar of the Lord. Whichever god sent down fire from Heaven was the one who deserved to be worshiped. From morning until noon the false prophets leaped upon their altar, calling out to Baal, while Elijah taunted them.

And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth and must be awaked.

At evening when the four hundred had proved their inability to deliver the goods, Elijah laid up his own altar, placed the sacrifice on it, stacked up the wood, and poured water over it to make the test harder. Then he prayed.

Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.

This Week In Washington

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protests from industry and business against some of the code interpretations. It is too soon to say that "NRA has broken down," as many business interests contend, but in practice it is not proving the benefit that it was expected to be.

Turn To Economic Stability
Much thought is being given to the effort to work out a satisfactory plan to encourage home building, but without any success so far. There is also cooking up some program for aiding the so-called "capital goods" industries, meaning the makers of machines and equipment which are not consumed but are used to make consumable goods.

The feeling is growing, even inside the Administration, that the time has come to let up on social reforms and concentrate more on economic stability and re-employment. One strong stimulant to that line of thinking is the doubts raised by Dr. Wirt's warning as to whether or not all the social reforms have a practical, workable basis, or may have the effect, intentionally or not, of slowing down economic recovery.

Washington is more crowded than ever before. The past year has been a wonderful harvest-time for Washington hotel-keepers, and the climax came with the annual cherry-blossom festival, when there was not a single room in the city available for the late-arriving visitors.

Light Opening
Irate Business Man—You book agents make me so mad with your confounded nerve and impudence that I just can't find words to express my feelings.
Agent—Then I'm the very man you need. I'm selling dictionaries.

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"And now, ladies and gentlemen, I just want to tax your memory,"—said the orator.
"Good heavens!" exclaimed one of his hearers. "Has it come to that?"

Sparta "Hi" Honor Roll, Seventh Month

Following is a list of Sparta high school students who were eligible for the Honor Roll for the seventh month of the current term:

First grade: Mozelle Andrews, Wanda Blevins, Glenna Duncan, Ruth Evans, Eva Edwards, Kathleen Harris, Morine McKnight, Lucille Mitchell, Ruth Smith and Thomas Zack Osborne.

Second grade: Hattie Cook, Mary Ross, Anna Rose Reeves, Jessie Sexton, Dorothy Truitt, Jessie Gwyn Woodruff, Dean Andrews, Gene Blevins, Billy Carroll Choate, Coy Chambers, Charles Doughton, Reeves Edwards, M. A. Goodman, James Hardin, John Higgins, Jr., Raymond Miles, Jr., James Dee McKnight, Bobby McMillan, Ray Smith, Jr., Jack Sexton, Charles Thompkins, Raymond Woodruff and Bert Wagoner.

Third grade: James Settle, Claudine Edwards, Virginia Gentry, Blanche Hendrix, Melba Hughes, Katherine McMillan, Iris Poole, Ethel Poole, Doris Richardson, Inez Warden, Irene Bass and Lee Nichols.

Fourth grade: Mildred Wagoner, Emogene Choate, Wanda Choate, Anita Duncan, Freddie Sue Sexton, David Easterling, Jones Andrews, R. C. Mitchell, Jimmy Atwood, R. A. Wagoner, Jr.

Fifth grade: Ruby Atwood, Vila Atwood, Edith Caudill, Hattalene Edwards, Nellie Goodman, Marjorie Halsey, Texie Hoppers, Marjorie McMillan, Lois M. Reeves, Donese Russell, Rose Wagoner, Bill Collins, Guy McCann and Vern Smith.

Sixth grade: Mary Warren, Louis Irwin, Frank Osborne, Vancine Choate, Emoryetta Reeves, Shirley McMillan and Frances Wrench.

Seventh grade: Ella Edwards, Edna Edwards, Virginia Joines,

AMAZE A MINUTE

SCIENTIFACTS BY ARNOLD

RAINING FISH!

A SHOWER OF FISH OCCURRED IN ENGLAND, 1918, WHEN A SHOAL OF FISH WERE CAUGHT IN A WATER SPOUT AND SWEEP INLAND BY A STRONG WIND.

AMERICAN DIALECTS—SCIENTISTS ARE COMPOSING A LINGUISTIC ATLAS OF THE U.S., GIVING REGIONAL PRONUNCIATIONS, WORD USAGES AND SPELLING.

A FAMILY QUARREL—THE TWO HEADS OF A TURTLE FOUND IN FLORIDA ACTUALLY FIGHT OVER ITS SINGLE STOMACH.

Lucille Pugh, Verna Weaver, Alma York, John Walker Inskip, James Church.
Eighth grade: Hattie Maines, Ethel McCann, Ruth McMillan, Sophia Choate, Ernest Edwards, Jay Sexton, Lewis Jarvis, Ilene Kilby.
Ninth grade: Mary Bennett, Florence Warren, Susie Osborne, Imogene Miles, Rose Richardson, Grace York and Mary Cecile Higgins.
Tenth grade: Leo Irwin, Ruth Hines, Mattie Lou Edwards, Wanda Edwards, Edna Walls, Ruby York, Ora Goodman, Sadie Crouse, Everette Richardson, Claude Sexton and Jennie Hines.
Eleventh grade: Mary Ennice Osborne, Bower Irwin, Tom Black, Johnson Sanders, Mildred Taylor and Robert Edwards.

To The Voters Of Alleghany County:

At the request of many voters I will be a candidate for the nomination as the Democratic candidate for Sheriff at the next June primary, subject to the decision of a majority of those entitled to vote in said primary under the regulations prescribed by law.

April 4, 1934.

R. B. McMillan

"KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES"—The Sailor's Unseen Audience Reports —By POP MOMAND

Panel 1: YE GODS! THAT SAILOR HAS A VOICE LIKE A FOG-HORN!! I DON'T SEE HOW TESSIE CAN STAY IN TH' KITCHEN WHEN HE SINGS!

Panel 2: WOW! MY EARS ARE SPLITTING! GO OUT AN' SQUELCH HIM, AL!

Panel 3: AIN'T IT A SHAME FOR ELMER T'LET THAT VOICE OF HIS GO TO WASTE, MRS. M'GINNIS?

Panel 4: I WOULDN'T SAY IT WAS WASTED TONIGHT, GAL— FROM TH' NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS WE'VE HAD, I'D GUESS HE'S GOT A PRETTY BIG AUDIENCE!!!