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COURTESY

Last year, on the evening of the Fourth of July, was the first we noticed it. The celebration on the Court House Green was interrupted time and again by the loud noise and rattle of cars parked at the square, being started and stopped. It seemed at times as though the drivers wilfully raced the engine at top speed several minutes before throwing the car in gear. The raucous noise disturbed the speakers and prevented the audience from hearing.

Several times since, public meetings have been thoughtlessly disturbed by the noise of starting cars and by loud talking of those gathered just outside.

The climax was reached this last Tuesday night at the Chautauqua tent, when a bunch of children, playing outside the tent, created so much racket as to interfere in a marked degree with the doings inside. This had not abated before some one started a car to the right of the tent, running the engine hard for several minutes, absolutely preventing the speaker's remarks from being heard.

People who attend Chautauqua or any other public open air meeting from a distance, in autos, have to have of course, some place to park a car. May we suggest, however, that the cars of those who must leave before the end of the performance, be parked some distance from the tent, where the noise of the engine will not create such a disturbance?

As for the children, they should not be allowed to play at such a time in such a place. They should either be inside the tent listening or away from it altogether. It is not a playground for them at either afternoon or evening session. They have their own time there and their own fun. At other times, unless they are there to hear the program, they should be far enough away from the tent so that their playing will not be heard.

One of the biggest things in this life is courtesy. Courtesy includes more than tipping one's hat to the ladies. It includes thought for the interests of others. We are hosts of men and women, this week, who are here to entertain us. Many of them are nationally and internationally known. Do we want them to carry away a memory of discourtesy? The innocent always suffer with the guilty and one car or a few youngsters are sufficient to upset an entire meeting. Shall we let them give us a reputation of being discourteous, impolite, thoughtless?

OFFICER, OH OFFICER !

This was the call of the Chautauqua management Tuesday night, when two disturbing elements marred the first evening performance of our Chautauqua. Where, oh where, was the police officer, who is so nicely clothed, fed and paid, by our good natured Town Commissioners? Where, oh where was he last year when the sessions under the Chautauqua tent were interrupted in the same manner? Now where do you suppose? He was right inside the tent, free of charge, sitting there trying to hear the entertainers just as those five hundred odd persons who paid their admission were trying to do, while private citizens, who paid their admission and whose business it is not to keep order and preserve the peace, had to leave their seats and endeavor to quiet the disturbing elements outside the Chautauqua tent.

This is the same officer who became insulting and abusive to a merchant of the town and was knocked into the middle of the street.

He is the same officer who got into an argument with a salesman and then had him arrested for talking back to an officer.

This is the same officer, who when asked by a stranger while standing in front of Ed Nichol's store, in answer to the question "Where is Franklin street?", told the stranger there was no such street in town, notwithstanding the fact that the street was only a block away.

This is also he who so well guards the public interests sitting in the hotel lobby all winter, keeping warm, or who gets into an argument with any person he can.

This officer is the one whom the Town Commissioners pay a monthly salary to guard and protect the public interests, to furnish information to the traveling public? Is the police force of Denton to continue to be the laughing stock of every stranger and every tramp or hobo who comes to town as it now is? Are you, Mr. Taxpayer, willing to have your money spent (the Town Commissioners claim the finances of the town are very low and the town only owes a small sum of about $8,000) in this way? If there are no arrests to be made by the present officer, no order to be kept and no guarding of the public interests, why not do without a policeman and save this money?

CLASS OF '22, GREETINGS

Months travel fast, somehow. Already we are facing a new set of graduates, all set for the big event of leaving high school days behind. It is serious business, this, finishing up a certain period of one's life. Frequently its importance fails to register, or else goes to the other extreme and registers too highly.

It is important, in that it is the closing up of one chapter of life and the opening of another. Its importance pales in view of the more important events ahead. Oh, that the true ideals might endure and the fake ideals perish.

May we wish success in fullest measure and meaning to the Class of '22 ?

LEARN ABOUT THE FARMER

Back of all legislation must stand united public opinion which always is to be trusted in this nation when the people have intelligent understanding. Most of our troubles come from imperfect knowledge and consequent lack of interest in public questions. For years this has been the case with the American farmer whose situation and importance until lately has not been even measurably sensed. As soon as the people generally in the great cities as well as in the smaller communities come to realize how much of the nation's prosperity depends on the farm then the wheels of reform will begin to turn with rapidity, and all the people will benefit.

Almost half our population is rural, living on six and one-half millions of farms which employ approximately thirteen millions of workers. The value of the annual production of these men is $19,176,015,000, which is greater than that of mining or of any branch of manufacturing.

What a sad commentary it is upon our legislative intelligence when we realize that in spite of these stupendous and important figures, the income of each farm factory or farm mine, whichever way we choose to visualize it, averages only $2,793.

The province of government is to create prosperity, the greatest good for the greatest number, to harmonize the laws under which we live so that reward shall come to the people in relation to their service. There are between the City Hall in New York and the Battery Wall— a distance that can be walked in ten minutes thousands of high binders in the world of speculation who have never done an honest day's work in their lives, but who make often in a day and quite frequently in a week as much if not more than the average farmer makes in a year. It is getting time for the public not only to seek information regarding the farmer, but to insist upon having it. When this demand is felt the information will be forthcoming, and when it is, equitable legislation for the farmer will lead a business development the like of which this country, great as it is, has ever known.

ADVERTISING IS A PUBLIC BENEFIT

Government fgures prove beyond dispute that business revival is marked—but by business revival is meant manufacturing and production. Retail trade has not yet caught up. Close analysis of this situation discloses that the retailers have lagged because they have failed to put into the minds of the people a feeling of confidence that prices have reached the bottom and that better times are at hand. It is amazing how few retail merchants in the smaller towns realize the value of educational advertising. They are so close to the picture they fail to see its perspective. They look for the immediate dollar and in grasping at the shadow they miss the substance. The value of advertising is cumulative. Indeed, that is its greatest worth. Eastman has actually advertised the word camera out of the dictionary and advertised the trademarked name Kodak into the dictionary.

The day of misleading advertisement has passed. The public has come to see advertising in the light of news, and it is news. The merchant who advertises tells his story frankly to the public, knowing he will be checked up and courting investigation of his statements and prices. The advertisement of today is not the subject of suspicion. It is the merchant who is afraid to tell his story over his signature that the public regards with doubt, and properly so.

The boom in retail trade awaits only a little thought on the part of the merchant, plus the fundamental knowledge that advertising is an investment and not an expense and a duty owed to the public whose support is sought. The whole business structure of the nation depends on advertising. Increased business means greater production, lower first costs, a larger turnover, increased buying and consequently provides a saving to the buying public. The public should support merchants who advertise because they are the constructive force that helps to keep costs down.

Advertising by local merchants would break up a large majority of the false ideas held by many in this section that our local merchants were over charging for their goods and when these false notions were broken down, much of the business now going through Uncle Sam's system to the mail order houses and city department stores, who believe in advertising, would be kept right at home, which would materially increase business and prosperity here.

HARMONY

Mrs. Bell Dean is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Flora Wright of Easton. Her granddaughter, Miss Dorothy Wright, graduates from the Easton high school. She will go from there to Federalsburg where another granddaughter, Miss Alma Dean, graduates from the high school of that city.

Mrs. Austin Murphy, of Denton, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Todd.

The Ladies Aid was splendidly entertained by Mrs. Bell Dean. They will meet with Mrs. Pliny Todd in July.

Children's services were held in Harmony church Sunday evening. The children did credit to themselves and to those that trained them for the exercises.

Mr. Leon Todd has had a telephone put in his store.

Watch the Classified Ad Column grow. Why? Because it pays!

Punchettes

by Rev. M. A. MATTHEWS D.D., LL. D.

The heretical, rationalistic forces do not seem to be satisfied with the wreck they have produced. They are responsible for the late war. They are also responsible for the crime wave sweeping this country and Europe. The orgy of sin and crime can be traced directly to false teachings. Like the vultures they make a feast of the decaying carcass. Not satisfied with the murder, expense wreck and ruin produced, they have written a shorter Bible which will perpetuate the orgy.

The astonishing thing is that they are leaders connected with the Y. M. C. A., and the Y.W.C.A., who have lent their names and influence to the infamous, hell-born production called the shorter bible. If the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. organizations permit their names and the names of their leaders to be attached to this abortion, then the righteous, orthordox Christian forces of America should crush the Y. M. C. A. and the W. Y. C. A. Our boys and girls cannot be entrusted to the leadership or to the educational and club features of institutions drawing their sustenance from the churches of the living Christ, to have the faith of those children undermined by such infamous attack upon God's infallible word.

The shorter Bible, so called, is one of the most blasphemous attacks that has been made upon God's Holy Bible. Let the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. repudiate their leaders or suffer the consequences.

Orthordox, self-respecting, consecrated men and women will not be insulted by such attacks of the rattionalistic forces.

M. A. Matthews

PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
HOUSEHOLD GOODS
SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH

Beginning at 1 O'Clock P. M.
THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

1 brass bedstead, 2 iron bedsteads, 1 single iron bedstead, 1 cot, Princess dressers, Birds eye maple chiffonier, springs, mattresses, bedding, cabinet sewing machine, nearly new; reed couch, desk and book case combined, book shelves, clock, 5-piece genuine leather parlor suite, 3-piece reed suite, rockers, chairs, 2 library tables, Victrola and records, 11x15 Brussels rug, 6x9 Ingrain rug, 9x12 Corklum rug, 25 yards Axminster carpet, small rugs and carpets, Fischer piano, china cupboard, 6 leather-seated dining chairs, dining table, Majestic range, 2 porch rockers, refrigerator, kitchen cabinet table, large pantry cupboard, having 8 doors and two linen drawers; dishes, kitchen utensils, cherry seeder, apple peeler, food grinder, canned fruit, lawn mower, tools, etc.; Allan Fountain Bath apparatus, double barrel shot gun; 5x7 ft. No. 1 quality canvas tent, bicycle, and numerous other articles.

Much of the above goods is as good as new.

TERMS—A credit of six months on all sums over $10.00, purchaser giving bankable note, payable at Peoples Bank.

Mrs. W. W. NEWCOMER
JAMES TEMPLE, Auctioneer.
SOMERS BLAKE, Clerk.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SEALED PROPOSALS for building one section of State Highway as follows:

Caroline County—Contract CO-28
One section of State Highway from the State Road one mile north of Denton toward Burrsville, for a distance of 3.0 miles—Concrete.

will be received by the State Roads Commission, at its offices, 601 Garrett Building, Baltimore, Md., until 12 M. Standard Time, on the

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at which time and place they will be publicly open and read.

Bids must be made upon the blank proposal form which, with specifications and plans will be furnished by the Commission upon application and cash payment of $1.00, as hereafter no charges will be permitted.

No bids will be received unless accompanied by a certified check for the sum of Five Hundred ($500) Dollars, payable to the State Roads Commission.

The successful bidder will be required to give bond, and comply with the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, respecting contracts.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the State Roads Commission this 1st day of June, 1922.

J. N. MACKALL, Chairman
L. H. STEUART, Secretary. 8-2t

HOUSECLEANING ?

We have large sheets of paper, suitable for laying under carpets. Only 5c a bundle. Sheets are big and it only takes a few for each carpet.

AMERICAN STORES CO.

One Grade---One Blend—One Price

The Best "Cup" You Ever Drank

We carry only the one grade—THE BEST. We could secure inferior coffees to sell for a lower price, but there would be such a vast difference in the quality it would not satisfy anyone who has once had a cup of the delicious "Asco" Blend. Other coffees of the same high grade as "Asco" Blend are selling elsewhere at 40c and 45c per pound. This gives you an idea of the delicious coffee—you'll taste the difference.

"Asco" Coffee lb **29c**

Millions of coffee connoisseurs break their fast on this blend every new morning's sun. Rich, full, heavy body—economy and satisfaction is stamped on every "cup."

304 MARKET STREET DENTON, MARYLAND

Reg. 9c Can "Asco" **Evap. Milk** cut to **8c**
As yure as pure can be. Try it in your tea or coffee—you'll like it.

Reg. 8c Pkg "Asco" **Corn Meal** cut to **4c**
Quality counts. Special price for this week-end only.

"Asco" Seedless **RAISINS** pkg **12½c**
Nice for pies or puddings.

Calif. "Sunsweet" **PRUNES** lb **12½c. 19c**
Fine flavor—very meaty.

CAKE SPECIALS

N. B. C. Harlequin Nabisco Wafers .... lb **35c**

N. B. C. Spiced Wafers ..... lb **18c**
Just the thing for that "inbe tween" bite.

Rich Creamy **CHEESE** lb **21c**
Have you served baked macaroni and cheese recently?

"Asco" Corn Flakes 3 pkgs **20c**
With that "want more" flavor.

Gold Seal **Flour** 12 lb bag **57c**
Milled from the choicest wheat. Guaranteed to give the best results. Why pay more?

Reg. 7c pkg "Asco" Corn Starch
Reg. 22c bot "Asco" Vanilla Extract
Both for **25c**
Or sold separately—"Asco" Corn Starch, 5c pkg; "Asco" Vanilla Extract, 20c pkg.

PRESERVING NEEDS

Mason Pint Jars	doz	69c
Mason Quart Jars	doz	79c
Jelly Tumblers	doz	40c
Jar Tops	doz	25c
Jar Rubbers	doz	7c
Parowax	lb pkg	10c

"Asco" Pork & Beans can **9c**
Packed in a spicy tomato sauce.

ASCO Ginger Ale, Root Beet, Sarsaparilla **10c** bot
Empties returnable at 1c each

SOAPS and CLEANSERS

Swift's Snap Soap	bar	2½c
Star Soap	bar	5c
Star Naphtha Powder	pkg	5c
Sunbrite Cleanser	can	4½c
Young's Borax Soap	bar	6½c
Fels Naphtha Soap	bar	5½c

Victor Bread Big Loaf **6c**
Made of he purest ingredients and baked in our own big sunshine bakeries. Just like home-made.

"Asco" Teas lb **45c**
Teas of such quality are hard to find at this price. We recommend them to particular, exacting tea drinkers.

CLERKS' SUMMER HALF HOLIDAY
Our Stores Will Close Every Wednesday at 1. P. M.
Throughout June, July and August
This is to afford our faithful clerks and cashi ers an opportunity to enjoy some recreation while the beautiful summertime is with us.

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