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BABY BURNED AT OIL STOVE

All Denton was horrified and heartbroken Wednesday noon when it heard of the tragic accident which befell Sherman E. Hignut, Jr., the little 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman E. Hignut of this place.

About noon Mrs. Hignutt lighted a fire in the oil stove in the kitchen to heat some water and then went upstairs to sew, taking the little fellow with her. Evidently the little fellow tired of playing upstairs and went downstairs by himself, unknown to his mother. Going into the kitchen he evidently noticed the stove was lit, and getting his little chair, he reached up and got the gasoline tank, used to prime the burner, from its hook at the back of the stove and then, placing the chair in front of the stove, proceeded to prime the burner "like mother."

As soon as the gasoline was poured the flame flared up and the boy, probably scared at the flare, fell over. Whether the gasoline spilled on him or whether his clothes caught from the flare of the gasoline, will never be known. Indeed, this whole explanation is only what one can surmise from the appearance of the kitchen and the stove.

Frances, his sister, had come home from school and gone upstairs where Mrs. Hignutt was sewing, and it was she who discovered something wrong downstairs from the reflection of the fire on the back stairway walls. Mrs. Hignutt rushed downstairs, thinking the stove had flared up, and at first did not see her little son, backed in the corner by the kitchen door, all ablaze. Failing in her attempt to extinguish the blaze with her hands, which were badly burned in the effort, she ran for a rug and wrapping the baby in it to smother the flames, she ran next door to Bowdle's for help and then started for Dr. Nichol's office, while the neighbors frantically called for doctors on the phone. Dr. Nichols was out of town, but Dr. Gerge hurried to his home and there dressed the burns of the brave little baby, who scarcely cried at all, except as paroxysms of pain convulsed him. When Mrs. Hignutt reached the doctor's office, having been picked up by a passing car, the child's clothes weer still smoking, and practically all of them had been burned from his body. The little hands were badly charred, and the whole body was burned to a greater or lesser degree.

Notwithstanding its injuries, the baby remained conscious and while its eyes were closed from the swelling, it recognized the voices of its mother and father and its aunt, Mrs. Gilbert Hignutt.

As soon as the wounds were dressed the baby was taken to Easton Hospital, where at latest report he seemed slightly better, although hope of his recovery is but slight.

Mr. and Mrs. Hignutt have the sympathy of the entire town in this hour of their grief.

SIXTH GRADE TO GIVE TWO COMEDY PLAYS

Friday evening, March 23d, is the date set for a pleasant evening of fun with the pupils of the sixth grade of the Denton school. The fun will begin at eight o'clock, at the high school auditorium.

At that time the pupils will present two one-act farces entitled "Examination Day at Wood Hill School" and "Thirty Minutes for Refreshments". There will also be several vocal selections by the school.

Everybody is very cordially invited to attend. A small admission will be charged.

Good Crowd at Junior Anniversary

Caroline Council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, No. 175 celebrated its 26th anniversary on Monday evening with proper ceremonies. Councilor Boone Beauchamp was in the chair. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. J. A. Leach, of Greensboro, and Mr. Charles W. Satterfield, junior past councilor of the state of Maryland, gave a splendid ddress.

Following the business meting refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. The occasion was marked by an exceptionally large attendance.

To Hold Supper

Chicken and ham are to be the principal foods at a supper to be given by the Ladies Aid of the M. P. Church on March 22d. All are cordially invited.

St. Patrick's Social

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated on Friday, March 16th, by the Denton Community Club with a social which will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Virgil Moore, at 8 o'clock.

On the program for the evening will be music, recitations, contests, etc., and cream, candy and favors will be on sale. A silver offering will be taken at the door.

Decorations for Easter on sale at American Union.

THE BROKEN STILL

By the CRACKER

Within the court house standing I saw the broken still, and the crowd of mourners passing by whose hearts with grief were filled: No more will seething sour mash its dome like cistern fill, no more its coiled calabash etherial nectar spill. Day by day in every way the Volstead ranks are winning. Day by day in every way the moonshine tanks are thinning; and while we wads of cotton split, and for corn juice aspire, a drop costs about four bits and each day getting higher, thus with chagrin and dismay we watch the Vandals toll, on works of art his agents prey, in ruinous manner bold; unmindful of our raging thirsty colonels weep: Now on the termined now to do his worst while thirsty Cononels weep: Now on the public seat we sag and boastfully we mutter, of days when with a healthy jag we ploundered in the gutter: or of the times when well "lit up" we went home with a roar, broke the clock, and kicked the pup and tossed the range out through the door: thus on these bygone scenes we date and tears bedim our eyes, gee; how we could deliver votes with a barrel full of rye, yea! We have had our hoyden days now from us power has oozed, the he-man standard has been raised above the knight of Bootleg booze. Thus I philosophized today as bitter tears I spilled, as I stood within the court house beside the broken moonshine still.

TREE STUDY BOOKS GIVEN WILLISTON COM. CLUB

At the business meeting of the Williston Club on Friday there was presented to the club, a book of much value, cloth bound and containing wonderful illustrations, the gift of Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, President of the American Tree Association, Washington, D. C. and author of the book. The ladies value this highly as it is an autograph copy presented for the library at Williston. The title of the book is "Trees as Good Citizens," and the author has written on the first fly leaf, "To the Other Good Citizens of Williston Community Club. CHARLES LATHROP PACK"

We are glad to publish this as there may be other organizations or individuals who desire to join this large army of American Tree planters. A letter addressed as above will bring you instructions of just how to do it.

S. S. LEADERS DISCUSS WORK AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Adult leaders of young people's Sunday school classes met in the Methodist Episcopal Church on Friday from 10:30 a. m. to 9 p. m., discussing the problems of the young people in the church and Sunday school of today.

Colonel J. H. Cudlippe, who is in charge of the adult leaders of Sunday school work in the state of Maryland was the principal speaker of the day and spoke to the audiences of the three sessions on the work necessary today with the young people, to keep them in the church.

At 5 p. m. the ladies of the church served supper to the delegates in Hirs garage. Following the supper Colonel Cudlippe gave an informal council fire talk showing how to carry on the young people's work and to guide them in their recreation as well as during the hour on Sundays. He said that the church must awaken to the needs of the boys and girls and get them to do something in church work, as they cannot be interested purely in the religious side of the church, as are the older members.

Mrs. Harry Hemmons, of Ridgely, Caroline County superintendent of young peoples' work, was in charge of the different services, and announced a meeting to be held at the court house in Denton, Tuesday, March 20, at 2:30 o'clock, of all interested in the young people's work in the Sunday Schools.

Broke Arm in Fall

Miss Helen Melvin, young daughter of Mr. R. N. Melvin, of near Andersontown, fell while running across a field last Thursday and broke an arm at the elbow. She was taken to the Easton hospital for treatment.

Storm Prevents Good Attendance

An interesting meeting of hog and sweet potato growers was held in the Court House Tuesday evening. Due to the inclement weather, only a small number of growers were present, and those who were absent missed a splendid lecture.

Dr. Jehle and Mr. Geise were present and talked on sweet potatoes and Mr. Carmichael on hogs. Moving pictures on various phases of the work were shown.

Joint Farm Meetings Friday

Joint meetings on the subjects of hogs and tomatoes will be held March 16th at Federalsburg, 9:30 a. m; Preston, 1:30 p. m., and Ridgely 7:30 p. m. Interesting speakers will present these two subjects in such a way that you will be glad you attended.

Asked To Direct Fine Arts Dep't.

Miss Florence E. Monk has been invited by Mrs. Andrew Hathaway, the president of the Eastern Shore Division of Women's Clubs, to act as director of the Fine Arts Department for this organization. This invitation was the result of the splendid interpretation of the opera "Aida", which Miss Monk recently gave at Ridgely before the County Federation of Women's Clubs.

THE LENTEN SEASON

THE WORD OF THE CROSS

By Rev. Mr. VINAL E. HILLS

"Golgotha's pierced wood distils
A sovereign balm for all our ills;
It bleeds, the tree of death, to be
The tree of life, O Man, to thee.

Thence flows, ye sorrowing souls, a balm
The fevered pulse of life to calm;
Virtue to soothe sin's secret smart,
And heal the sickness of the heart.

"Oh why should penitence and pain
And anguish seek relief in vain,
When forth from this benignant wood
God's mercy flows to do us good!

Ho! all by labor overborne,
And ye with weary sickness worn;
Ye minds diseased, ye hearts that ache,
This cup of consolation take."

REV. J. H. SAMMIS

The Cross and the Bible are closely connected, just as are the pearls and the shells, the springtime and the singing lark. The Cross is the SUM of the Bible; the Bible is the BOOK of the Cross. The Cross is the SIGN of Salvation; the Bible is the RECORD of Salvation. The Cross and the Bible God has joined together. Let not man put them asunder.

The people who deny the lessons of the Cross, and the Power of the Cross are the people who deny the authority of the Bible. The Bible they tell us is not a Divine Book, but an antiquated volume which can no longer satisfy men. The Bible, the Word of the Cross, is foolishness to them that are being lost. But to us who are being saved it is the Power of God.

We would be willing today, if it were necessary, to give up all the libraries of the world for the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament.

We put the Bible in the hands of our children as the best book in the world for the hearts and the minds of the little folks. We give this Bible to our young men as they set sail on the great ocean of life, and we cry after them "Wherewithal shall a man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word." For men in the midst of the heat and toil of the day there is no book like the word of the Cross to cool and refresh them; for the Marthas who are burdened with the care of the home and family, the Bible furnishes the best oil for their lamps, and a balm for their wounds. For those who have reached the evening of life, the saints who have fought the good fight and kept the faith, the Bible reads like the Father's last will and testament, and brings to them the joy of anticipated glory. For in a little while they will enter into the "joy of their Lord." To all who look for His coming the Word of the Cross gives hope; but to all others, it is but foolishness.

It is to the Cross to which I would direct your thoughts for a few moments. Paul says in the I Cor., 1:18 "For the Word of the Cross is to them that are perishing, foolishness; but unto us which are being saved, it is the power of God."

The Bible from the first word in Genesis to the last word in Revelation can in its entirety be characterized in no better way than by this term "The Word of the Cross." We might call the Bible the word of the Crown, or the Word of the Fall, or the Word of Eternal Life, and it would suggest much to us; but it means very much more when we call the Bible the "Word of the Cross."

What are we to understand by the Word of the Cross? Has the Cross a language which it can speak? Is not the Cross dumb, speechless wood? Can a wooden cross preach? Yes, the Cross can preach, even though it may be dumb, speechless, wood. When MEN are silent even STONES cry out the message of God.

The last time I was in Boston I stood with uncovered head before the statue of Phillips Brooks, and looked into the face of that man of God. And as I stood there I seemed to hear his voice pealing out across the world, and down the ages, the message of Salvation which he so nobly preached while he was in the flesh. That statue, and the wonderful Cathedral back of it which stands as a monument of his unceasing labors, speak to every passerby who has ears to hear their message.

So the Cross of Christ has a message for every child of God today, yes, a message for every child of Adam who will take the trouble to listen to that message. It is a message of the Wonderful Love wherewith God loves a sinful race—a message of His love to you and to me.

It is also true that the Word of the Cross would not have been understood and appreciated by us if it had not been for the fact that pious men—missionaries of the past, taught our forefathers the Word of God; and had it not been that the Bible was read to us from our earliest recollection, by Sabbath School, and parents in the home.

That we have the Word of the Cross today we owe to the Power of the Scriptures and to their interpretation in the pulpits of the Protestant churches.

Convention of Parent-Teachers Associations Held on Tuesday

The officers and representatives of the Parent-Teacher associations of about thirty schools met at Denton on Tuesday, March 13. The chairman of the meeting was Mr. Walter Wright, president of the County Board of Education. Mr. Wright briefly outlined the importance of a representation of every patron's organization of the county at a meeting of this kind. The purpose, he said, is to bring the people of the county together that we might find out how to produce the greatest amount of good all over the county at the least cost. Mr. Wright stressed the great need for cooperation among patrons, teachers, supervisors and other county officials. He introduced Miss Katharine L. Healy, supervisor.

Miss Healy spoke on the state-wide objective of the year, the bringing of the children of every county in Maryland up to standard in both silent reading and arithmetic.

She first explained the nature of the standard test, the purpose of which is to measure individual achievment in a given school subject. After this she showed samples of the tests and outlined the procedure of giving them as they were administered last fall. Showing charts, she explained that the November tests determined just where the children then stood in reading and arithmetic, and told how this standing furnished a starting point for corrective work. The extent of corrective work, she said, may be measured by the individual scores in the follow-up test in April.

In conclusion, Miss Healy stated that the testing program has five chief values. (1)It motivates the work of the pupils. (2) It leads to improvement in teaching. (3) It gives the supervisor a definite goal for working with her teachers. (4) It enables the county superintendent to measure the worth of supervision. (5)It provides the state superintendent with a means of comparing achievements in counties.

Representatives of different patron's associations spoke briefly of the work that is being done in their local organizations. They expressed appreciation of the teacher's work. They also brought before the groups several essentials which they would like stressed.

At this point Mr. Wright introduced Mrs. Blanche N. Stowell, of the County Board. Speaking as a school patron, Mrs. Stowell voiced the sentiment of the convention when she placed before the group the question of county organization. She showed the necessity of organization of all patrons. Not only should we have a patrons' association for every school, she said, but there should also be an enrolling of all patrons into a county unit. Mrs. Stowell has sounded a keynote. The enthusiasm of this first meeting of representatives makes it almost safe to predict that a future, definitely-organized county federation of patrons of Caroline County may point back to its origin in this inspirational initial meeting of representatives from every school community.

At this time the meeting adjourned to the Brick Hotel where a very enjoyable luncheon was served.

Opening the afternoon session, Mr. Wright introduced Mrs. J. L. Kerr of Dorchester County, who spoke of the improvement which had been brought about through Parent-Teacher organizations in that county. She also spoke of the strong work being done by the supervisors to bring into organized groups the parents and pupils of several rural schools.

Miss Gertrude Morgan, helping teacher for the county, spoke briefly on home study. She stated that the purpose of home study was to prepare the pupils for class room exercises and not to give extra work for the patrons. Home study in the primary grades was discussed, and home work in which the parents may be helpful was suggested. A discussion of home study in the upper grades followed. The subjects in which this work might be given were mentioned and a few points outlined under each where the parents might render substantial aid.

Mr. Noble then spoke on the following topics: Parent-Teacher Organizations—He emphasized the importance of the teacher's understanding the home, and the parents understanding the school. He added that the patrons organization is a factor to help bring this understanding about. The necessity for patrons visiting the school was stressed.

Health and physical training of the school child—Mr. Noble spoke of the great number of defects found, stating that the recent physical examination showed that four-fifths of the boys in the high schools of our county have been found defective.

He stressed the importance of play and stated that a number of our school children do not know how to play, the need for games in which all cooperate, and the value of badge contests were discussed.

To encourage attendance at patrons' meetings he suggested:

1. Children taking part in an entertainment.
2. Provision for children after the entertainment.
3. Committees to invite patrons and to make reports.
4. No collections at meetings.
5. Interesting the men in the community.

Speaking of the annual school exhibits, he advised that there be exhibits of academic work and badge contests. Further he recommended that this be a time for selecting work and contestants for the county contest.

Concerning elementary commencements he showed the reasons for holding central closing exercises, stating that this spring such exercises will be held at Denton.

Mrs. J. S. Lapham, of Goldsboro, brought up the question of sending children to other towns to attend high school. She advocated the need of home influences for moral and intellectual education.

Mrs. M. Hemmons, of Ridgely, spoke briefly on the necessity of combining the different organizations of the home, school and church in order to get the best work and be able to do the most good.

Before adjournment, the meeting was voted a complete success.

Four Are Held for Having Illicit Liquor in Possession

Last Saturday two revenue officers arrived in town and as a consequence, four men are under bail to appear before the United States District Court at Baltimore for having in their possession illicit liquor.

The officers went to the home of Charles Manspeaker, of Henderson, upon information furnished them, and asked him to accompany them around his farm, as they wanted to look it over. Mr. Manspeaker stated that he was unable to accompany them as he was not well and would have to stay indors. The officers started to look around the farm and when they were several hundred feet from the house, Manspeaker made a dash for the wods from the opposite side of the house. This, however, was expected, and the officers pursued, capturing him about 400 yards from the house. They then made an inspection of the house and found in the cellar a 30-gallon barrel with 10 gallons of liquor therein, and in one of the rooms on the first floor they found a gallon jug half full of liquor.

At Manspeaker's they found Charles W. Melvin of Goldsboro, and as they were suspicious of liquor being sold at that house, an inspection of his buggy was made and disclosed a quart bottle.

At the home of John Pably, an Italian of Henderson, a quart bottle, half full of liquor, was, found.

These three men were brought before Justice Rickards of Denton Saturday night, and were held in $500 bail to appear before the U. S. District Court at Baltimore when summoned for having illicit liquor in their possession.

Sunday morning the officers took a trip down Tuckahoe Neck to Stony Point, and found in the smoke house of Charles Fuchs a 10-gallon still with two 50-gallon barrels of rye mash, a quart of illicit whiskey. He confessed to having been making whiskey for about a year, but denied ever having sold any. He was brought to town and taken before Justice Rickards, who held him in $1000 bail.

In one section of town Sunday morning a strong odor of mash was noticed, and an attempt to locate the still was made but without success.

EPISCOPAL RECTOR DELIVERS LENTON ADDRESS ON "HOW WE GOT OUR NEW TESTAMENT"

The Thursday evening address delivered by the Rev. Mr. Chamberlaine at Christ Episcopal church, Denton, dwelt upon the origin of the Bible, with particular stress upon the manuscripts of the new Testament. For an hour he held the attention of the large congregation as he described the priceless manuscripts, versions and other documents connected with the history of this wonderful book. He said in part:

"The story of the Bible, from the days of the first of the inspired books written by godly men, down through the stormy vicissitudes of centuries to those times, when we enjoy the priceless blessing of a Bible that all can understand, is a narrative without parallel in the whole range of a secular or sacred literature. Step by step down through the ages we trace the gradual unfolding of God's message to men, ever becoming clear and more splendid as the centuries roll on.

"The Bible should not be regarded as a book which only a scholar may understand. It is true, it challenges the most diligent and profound study.

In is inexhaustible, because it contains the revelation of the only wise God, who is ever revealing Himself, yet is never wholly revealed. But the plain, everyday person may with ease discover from the Bible what God intended he should find. The Bible was not written for an intellectual aristocracy, nor for any particular group of ecclesiastics, but for everyone whose heart is full of love for God and his fellow man, and who seeks for a clearer illumination. The message of love to mankind from a gracious God and Saviour is not hid in hard sentences or profound statements. Therefore, the person who with love and faith in his heart, no matter how unlearned or illiterate he may be, will be a better interpreter of God's Holy Word than the profound scholar who is a sceptic and a profligate. He who would rightly interpret, will in childlike faith and humility depend upon the illuminating influence of the Holy Spirit. His constant prayer should be those words of David in the 119th Psalm, "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold the wondrous things of Thy law."

Hebrew was spoken by the Jews, and their sacred books were written in this language, until the destruction of Jerusalem, when their language became tinged with Aramaic. With the conquest of Alexander the Great about 332 B. C., the Greek language began to be spoken all over the East as far as Babyion. The Jews extensively used it. Philo and Josephus, two eminent Jewish scholars, used it for their compositions, and the Old Testament scriptures themselves were translated into this language and used in certain synagogues. Naturally enough, this Greek spoken and written by the Jews, was not the pure idiom of the classical Greek of Homer or Herodotus. It was called "Hellenistic" Greek, and is the basis of Christian Greek in which all the 27 books of the New Testament were written.

"The autograph manuscripts, both of the Old and New Testament, have long since perished, but before these originals were lost or destroyed, copies and translations had been made of them into the Hebrew, Syriac, Greek, Latin, Coptic, and other languages, and from these copies and translations we derive our English Bible of today. The oldest known manuscript of the Hebrew Scriptures was found in the Crimea and is only from the year 916 A. D., all preceding manuscripts having perished. The oldest of the New Testament is of much higher antiquity, and comes to us as a product of the year, approximately, 350 A. D. It was discovered by the great German Biblical scholar, Dr. Tischendorf, in 1859, in the Greek monastery of St. Catherine on Mt. Sinai. It is now in the Imperial Library of Petrograd, and a copy in every particular is in our own Congressional Library at Washington. It was written in Greek of the "Hellenistic" dialect on fine parchment. It contains all the New Testament, and part of the Septuagint. "Codex Vaticanus" is the name of another manuscript of equal age and importance. It is in the Vatican Library in Rome. There are more than four thousand others of varying age and importance."

The speaker gave a history of the great translations, such as that of the early Syrian Christians made in the year 125 A. D. from the original text before it was lost; the Latin "Vulgate" of Jerome of 405 A. D., and finally the great English translations of Wycliffe in the year 1380, Wm. Tyndell in 1529, Coverdale in 1535, and the great King James Version of 1611. Last of all, and superior to all, the great English and American Revised Bibles of 1872 and 1891, bearing the marks of the greatest scholarship and learning of the ages.

The subject of the address this week is "The City of Rome and its Contact with Early Christianity." Next Thursday evening it will be "A Visit to the Roman Catacombs". The hour is 7:30 p. m. and everyone is most cordially invited.

MERVIN PENTZ IS NOW OPERATOR—HAS GOOD SET, LICENSED WIRELESS

Mervin Pentz in November, 1921, started his first radio outfit, which was a crystal set. By January 1922 he finished this outfit and tuned in with Arlington, Va., on 2,500 meters.

He then started on his tube set, earning the money and improving as he went. On a very crudely constructed set he timed in his first musical concert which was being broadcasted by the Naval Air Station at Washington, D. C.

Six months ago he completed his outfit consisting of a three circuit two stage amplifier. Being ambitious for a transmitter, he, by the aid of a buzzer, learned the continental code. Last week he took the examination for amateur second grade license. He has been awarded his sending certificate, his call number being 3 C. F. F.

His sending set, which is now not very elaborate, he intends to improve so he may be able to communicate with the amateurs outside the immediate community.

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