

Ginnings to Dec. 13. Cotton ginning in Laurens county to December 13 were 23,301 bales, according to telegraphic confirmation received by Mr. C. W. McCravy, statistician. To the same date last year 18,952 bales were ginned.

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NOTICE

The books of the County Treasurer will be open for the collection of Taxes for the fiscal year, 1923, at the Treasurer's office from October 15th to December 31, 1923. After December 21 one per cent will be added. After January 31st, two per cent will be added, and after Feb. 28th, seven per cent will be added until the 15th day of March, 1924, when the books will be closed.

All persons owning property in more than one township are requested to call for receipts in each of the several townships in which the property is located. This is important, as additional cost and penalty may be attached.

All able-bodied male citizens between the ages of twenty-one (21) and sixty (60) years of age are liable to pay a poll tax of \$1.00, except old soldiers who are exempt at fifty (50) years of age. Commutation Road Tax \$1.50 in lieu of road duty. All able-bodied men between the ages of 21 and 55 are liable to road duty except those in military service, school trustees, school teachers, ministers, and students. Dog Tax \$1.25, which must be paid not later than January 31, 1923.

Proper attention will be given those who wish to pay their taxes through the mail by check, money order, etc.

The tax levy is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Tax Category and Millage Rate. Includes State Tax (6 mills), Ordinary County Tax (5 1/2 mills), Railroad Bond (1 mill), Road bonds (7 1/2 mills), Past indebtedness (1/2 mill), Jail Bonds (1/2 mill), Constitutional School (3 mills), Total (28 mills), Special Schools Dials Township, Special Schools Sullivan Township, Special Schools Laurens Township, Special Schools Youngs Township, Special Schools Cross Hill Township, Special Schools Hunter Township.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 6

THE CHOSEN LEADER AND THE CHOSEN LAND

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 12:1-7; 18:17-19. GOLDEN TEXT—"In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."—Gen. 12:3.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Abraham, the Pioneer. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Abraham and the Migration to Canaan.

Following Adam's sin and the consequent ruin thereof God gave a promise of a Redeemer (Gen. 3:15). In providing this redemption God used a leader and made him to be the head of the nation through whom the Redeemer was to come and chose a land in which that nation was to live. That leader was Abraham and the land was Palestine.

I. Abraham, the Chosen Leader (Gen. 12:1-3; cf. 18:17, 18).

1. His Ancestors (Josh. 24:2, 14). Abraham's people were idolaters. Very likely as a young man he himself worshiped idols. Tradition furnishes us with some interesting stories touching his struggle against idolatry. He knew how hopelessly disastrous idolatry was to the morals of the people and, therefore, would be able to lead them back to God.

2. His Call (Gen. 12:1; cf. Acts 7:2, 3). God came to him in Ur of the Chaldees and said unto him, (1) "Get thee out of thy country."

Abraham had lived long enough to have formed strong attachments to his country. (2) "Get thee out from thy kindred." Abraham was not only to leave behind him his native land but his relatives as well, even his father's house. Since his kindred were idolaters, he must leave them. Abraham was to become a pilgrim, to be without a home. Even in Canaan, the only land he ever owned was a burial place. (3) "Into the land that I will show thee." He was not told what or where the land was. "He went out not knowing whither he went." (Heb. 11:8). While he dwelt in tents during his earthly sojourn, yet "he looked for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God." (Heb. 8:10).

3. What God Promised Him (Gen. 12:2, 3). (1) The Father of a Great Posterity (v. 2). This has been literally fulfilled. So far as the lineal descendants of Abraham are concerned, his posterity is great, but his spiritual seed is almost numberless. We are all children of Abraham by faith. (2) To Have a Great Name (v. 2). No name in all history equals that of Abraham in its honorable influence. His is the name of honor among Jews, Mohammedans and Christians. (3) A Blessing to Others (vv. 2, 3). He was not only to become great and share God's blessings, but to be a blessing to others. This is the prevailing law of the spiritual life—being blessed to be a blessing. He was not to go out primarily for what he could get but for what he could do. Those who respond to this law of the spiritual life become the very touchstone of God, so precious to Him that He will bless those who bless them and curse those who curse them. God makes common cause with His people. To maltreat God's children is to lift the hand against God. No one who goes against Him can prosper.

4. His Obedience (Gen. 12:4-6). Abraham fully obeyed God. At His call he departed, went out, not knowing whither he went.

II. Palestine, the Chosen Land.

Although Abraham was a pilgrim and was permitted to sojourn in the land, the land itself was given to his seed. Israel, God's chosen and most favored nation, the nation to whom He came nearest and gave most, in order that they might pass on His goodness to the other nations of the world, was given the most strategic position in the earth. "Palestine was adapted as no other country to God's great purpose of establishing a pure religion and sending it to all the world. To this end a single nation was selected, trained and placed in the center of the world so that when the time came to publish the true religion all lands could be reached." Full peace and blessing can only come to the world when Israel, the priestly nation, shall come back to her own land.

God's Love.

There are questions which nothing can answer but God's love, which nothing can meet but God's promise, which nothing can calm but a perfect trust in His goodness. There is shadow and mystery upon all the creation until we see God in it—there is trouble and fear until we see God's love in it.—Dewey.

The Past.

O, there are some who want to get away from all their past; who, if they could, would fain begin all over again. But you must learn, you must let God teach you, that the only way to get rid of your past is to get a future out of it. God will waste nothing.—Phillips Brooks.

Hatred.

Hatred of a fellow-being is like a deadly cancer in the soul. It destroys all the finer sensibilities and nobler impulses.

REAL HOME-LIFE AT THE STATE TRAINING SCHOOL

Amid Home-Life Atmosphere Boys and Girls Romp, Play and Study As If Just a Great Big Family.

In this day of machine-like, soulless, wholesale operations one would expect, in a State institution, particularly an institution for the care and training of the feeble minded, to find a cold, heartless, rigidly preemptory management under prison-like, hard-hearted regulations.

And anticipating such a picture one would be greatly and agreeably surprised upon a visit to the State Training School for the feeble minded in Clinton. Indeed thousands of homes will be found to be more lacking in the genuine home spirit.

A recent visit to the institution found the children (for indeed they are all children, ranging from six to sixty years) happily engaged, some in study, some in useful work, some at play, but all occupied and happy.

The boys have the farming, milking, gardening to do interspersed with a few hours on the baseball field or the basketball court or a few hours at basketry or rug weaving, carpentry or academic study. The girls studying practical domestic science, helping in the kitchen, dining room or cottage, also have their games, their music, outings, their dancing, as well as profitable time spent at weaving, sewing and study. True the progress is slow and sometimes the improvement practically nil, yet, improvement or not they are all occupied, happy, with their minds on the better and more useful things of life and their hands out of mischief.

Seeking for the source of happiness portrayed by the broad smile on every face, one would have to go back to the fundamental principles guiding the management of this well directed institution. The answer is found in the fact that every male or female is kept busy, every mind is kept occupied. The answer is also found in the parental care and fatherly and motherly affection shown by the officials of the institution. It is worth the trip of a hundred miles to see the sparkling eye and the smile that will not wipe away on the faces of the children when the superintendent or some one of his official family is near. Close personal attention to the child's needs, careful solicitation of the child's comfort and peace of mind, a strong fatherly or motherly guidance and sympathy with the child's troubles, a deep appreciation of the child's misfortunes and always a deep parental love; these are the attributes so frequently seen at the institution that have earned for it not only the title, "a real training school," but more than that; the well deserved name "Home and Training School for South Carolina's Unfortunates." For indeed it is a home, a home in the true sense of the word. It ceases to be an institution the minute you enter its gates.

Thus it is that through an honest, consecrated, most useful service, the State of South Carolina is caring for its feeble-minded. Under the limitations of size and equipment the institution could hardly do better. But could South Carolina do better? For every child in the Training School there are a hundred similarly unfortunate outside; scattered over the state, a draw-back, a burden, yes even at times a menace to the state. For every child properly cared for there are several on the waiting list, hoping against hopes for admission. South Carolina has just begun in this noble work. She has just taken the first step. She has seen enough to give her a glimpse at the enormous field and opportunity.

The institution is full to overflowing. Many of its present enrollment of 205 being cared for in temporary quarters. Many others are crowding the reformatories and State Hospital, where they do not belong. The waiting list at the training school out-grows the equipment rapidly. The need of greater facilities is not only apparent but it is growing; not only great but getting greater, not only appalling, but positively alarming, not only serious but absolutely imperative.

A program is prepared for submission to the State Legislature, asking for equipment funds to take care of more children and care for them better. A program that will not only improve the efficiency of the institution but likewise open the gates for many of the poor unfortunates who are clamoring without.

Every true citizen of South Carolina, in the interest of humanity, in the interest of better, moral, physical, intellectual and social conditions in South Carolina can help in the program.

The suggestion program will be before every county delegations shortly. They must provide the way. They need but your support, your approval, your interest. If every civic or charitable organization, and every true citizen would lend sympathy and

support to such a program by a verbal and personal endorsement, made to their own county delegation, nothing more would need to be done. Our law makers need only to be assured of our interest.

(This article is voluntarily written by an interested citizen of South Carolina who of his own accord voluntarily studied conditions at the State Training School and gives his impressions resulting therefrom.)

OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR THE FARMER

Secretary of Agriculture Gives a Review of Conditions for Past Year.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Wallace, in a review of the year from an agricultural standpoint, declared in a statement tonight that conditions augured well for continued improvement in the material prosperity of the American farmer.

"The industry, courage and faith evidenced by the farmers of the nation during the past three years are slowly bringing their reward," said Secretary Wallace. "Improvement in agricultural conditions continues, not as rapidly as desired or needed, but nevertheless, it continues.

"The promise of the year has been fulfilled. So we come to the end of the third year of post-war depression with a feeling of greater confidence born of better times already realized and with justified hope of still further improvement in 1924.

"There are discouraging conditions still to be overcome. There is the burden of debt. There are heavy taxes to be met. The cost of production and of what the farmers buy remains high. Farmers in the Spring wheat territory, especially, are in sore straits from conditions largely beyond their control.

"Experience gained during the years of depression, however, together with progress already made, warrant hopeful attitude for the coming year. Gradually crop acreage is being better adjusted. The domestic markets continue strong. The children keep coming, and that means a steadily increasing number of months to be fed. Those who stay by the farm and do good farming can look forward to better times as a reward for their years of toil and hardships. Those whose businesses depend directly upon farm purchases can find decided encouragement in the growing gross income of the farmer, for he will buy as his income expands.

"The year 1924 comes with the promise of continued improvement in the material prosperity of the farmer and the farmer continues to be the material and spiritual backbone of the nation."

W. PAT TODD

Laurens, Dec. 30.—W. Pat Todd, well known citizen and substantial farmer of the Barksdale section of Laurens county, died at his home Thursday night, after an illness of several weeks' duration. Funeral and burial services were held at Chestnut Ridge Baptist church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the exercises being conducted by Rev. Jodie A. Martin.

pastor of Lucas Avenue Baptist church.

The deceased is survived by his widow and six sons, James Todd, Augusta, Ga.; Albert W. Todd, North Augusta; D. E. Todd, B. R. Todd, Aoy

Todd and Guy Todd, of the Barksdale community.

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Mother's Bread Is No Longer "In It."

(From December 29, 1923 Issue of Baker's Weekly.)

"Home made bread no longer can compare with the product of the scientific bakeries." No, this is not part of an advertisement of a baker but is the heading, in large type, over an article by Dr. Frederick W. Murphy in a recent issue of the New York Telegram. The Doctor conducts the pure food department of said newspaper, and it must be gratifying to the industry, indeed, to hear bakers bread thus publicly praised and upheld. In defining his conclusion Dr. Murphy says, among other things, "The commercial baking of bread, through nutritional studies, has advanced in greater proportion to its size than almost all other commercial food industries. The nutritional quality has improved to such a degree that commercially baked bread is far superior to the majority of that which is produced in the home. I do not wish to belittle the efforts of the careful mother, but she has not had the time to follow the nutritional experiments on feeding which have been conducted by baking experts, and therefore has continued to make the 'staff of life' upon the old recipe handed down to her. I doubt very much if bread produced in the majority of homes, if used for feeding experiments, would furnish growth and repair, and be capable of building a body which could reproduce animals which would again be capable of reproduction into even a second generation. . . ." Dr. Murphy has surely paid the commercial baker of today a splendid compliment, and we trust that bakers everywhere will show themselves worthy of such praise by giving the nation the very best bread that it is possible to produce.

"Clinton Maid Bread Is Your Best Bread"

The Clinton Bakery "Get It At Your Grocers"

Taking America Off Its Feet! Overland Success is the Talk of the Country The year just ended has been the greatest of all the fifteen years of Overland history. A great year made by great cars—the greatest Overlands ever built. Greatest in looks, power, action, comfort—and money's worth! Look at the new Overland Champion, for instance. It brings a quality closed car with features and utilities hitherto unheard of within reach of every purse. America's first all-purpose car—conceded to be the most useful motor car on wheels. The Champion and all Overland models have the bigger Overland engine—brute power with extreme economy. Leaders in economy—leaders on the road—leaders in the many satisfactions they bring to owners. See them. Sit in them. Ask for a sample of their performance. Ellis Motor Company Overland