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### A THOUGHT

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and truth.—I John 3:18.

Afection can withstand very severe storms of rigor, but not a long polar frost of downright indifference. Love will subsist on wonderfully little hope, but not altogether without it.—Walter Scott.

Faint praise never won fair lady, either.

All the world doesn't love the lover who decides to park in the exact middle of a side road.

This is true always, the fellow who has a little money to invest never has any trouble finding friends.

Not many folks blow out the gas any longer, but a good many are buying bootleg stuff that is just as dangerous.

Originally, man was the head of the house, later the woman assumed that position, and just now it seems to be held by the kids.

It is claimed that business needs more salesmanship. It also needs to have a great many people stop talking so much and go to work.

When the automobile driver runs into a tree, the fault of course, was due to the tree for being in the way.

The present age is said to have a mania for speed, but you would never know it when watching many people work.

The vacation season is about over for the children. They had a good time while it lasted, and now the back to books call is in the air. Life never stands still. The children of today will soon be the controlling, achieving citizens of later years.

### THE LURE OF TOMORROW

So long as there is work to be done and the will and strength to do it, men must be choosing what master they will serve. They may prefer to pay allegiance to the past, where old standards, old beliefs, old ideals ask their loyalty and service, or they may heed the lure of the future, where all that is new and strange and changed lies waiting.

Men are of these two sorts: Those who look backward for security and assurance and those who will gladly give yesterday to oblivion and trust their fate and fortune to tomorrow.

Men are grown old when tomorrow loses its lure and the past begins to draw them back from dreams and desires for the unknown future. Yet he who wishes to hold on to youth need never lose it altogether, since any day that is still to come may prove richer and more fruitful than a year that is gone.

Hidden treasure lies beyond the horizon of every new day. All that a man has done and known and experienced is but a little compared to what awaits him in the treasure-chest of Time. He who keeps his courage will not be content with past rewards while the future is so rich in promise and possibility.

### THE FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

In counting the great days of a man's life do not forget that one on which he starts to school.

From tens of thousands of homes the babies will soon be going forth, never to come back. A transformation soon occurs. We send our babies to school but boys and girls come home to us.

And the lad's great adventure has begun. Elbert Hubbard once said, "Send your son to college and the boys will educate him."

Today the little one has measured himself, perhaps for the first time, alongside of others. He has entered into competition with them, matched wits, made his demands and taken what he could get. His insistent will has come into conflict with other wills as against his own.

He will be getting his education pretty rapidly from now on. He will be learning how to get along with folk—an accomplishment more important than art, literature or music. He will be learning to submit to authority—the beginning of good citizenship. He will be learning something of the marvelous dimensions of the world in which he lives—the beginning of true humility and real scholarship.

## Nobody's Business

By Gee McGee

Uncle Joe says he has a friend who lives in another state who knows how to make whiskey and how to sell whiskey and possible how to drink whiskey. And from what Uncle Joe says, I believe Uncle Joe knows about as much as his friend knows about the subject now up and before us. It seems that this "friend" suggests the following plan:

1. Pick out a nice little stream and then follow it far enough to get out of sight of the public road till you come to a place where bushes grow thick and the water shows some speed, and then your still-sight troubles are over.

2. Next you must hunt up the prohibition enforcement officers and tell them where your still is so's they won't ever find it by accident or otherwise. (N. B. The sum of \$25.00 and a quart a week will fix some of the boys so that they can't see out of but one eye, and \$50.00 and 2 quarts a week will put a great many of them stone blind.)

3. Select a drizzly dark night to fetch down your still and worm and barrels. Most any of your friends who like a tiny snip now and then after prayer-meeting will assist you in this work, only don't let nobody know that they helped you. You'll need a few empty barrels and a long trough, and when you get these things properly fixed, you are all set for business.

4. Take 4 bushels of corn meal and 100 pounds of sugar and 6 cans of Red Devil lye and 4 wheel barrows of dry stable manure and 10 boxes of sulphur matches, and as many old beef bones as you can get and place them in the aforementioned trough and cover everything with water. Let it set for 4 or 5 days, but come back and skim off the small house flies every few hours, but don't bother the big blue flies that get drowned in the mash: they add a kind of bead to the brew.

5. As soon as your concoction has turned to beer, notify all of the officers that you will be busy for a day or so, then take the contents of your trough and strain out all solid matter and pour the fluid into your still and fire up. You ought to get at least 75 gallons of "spit-fire" from the first run, not counting backings. It will be no trouble to peddle it out in your community. But to keep things in apple pie order all the time, it is a good idea for the officers to find your still and cut it up every few weeks. Of course, you must ascertain from the officers what night they are coming so's you can take your worm home with you, as the worm is valuable and the still ain't. Now that's they way they do in Uncle Joe's friend's community in another state, so says Uncle Joe.

### Crop Estimates

The government's cotton crop estimate for the current year was just about what the speculators knew it would be. In fact, they had already found out how many bales the South would make: the private estimators had told them. You see, it's this way: The government gets a few opinions from Tom, Dick and Harry, but the private guessers do just the reverse: They get a few opinions from Harry, Dick and Tom, and thus come forth the so-called estimates.

The government evidently has some extremely good guessers on its payroll. Some time around the first of July, the boys assembled in meeting in Washington, D. C., and told the world that the United States would make just so many bushels of wheat, but a gluten bug began work on the golden harvest a few days later, and it forgot to rain in Idaho and those thunder clouds in Wyoming proved to be only a boomerang, so Uncle Sam's smart guys had to meet and do all their guessing over again. They reduced the estimate by something like 267,865,876 bushels. They put wheat down 32 cents a bushel in 3 weeks and turned around and put it up 66 cents a bushel in 3 weeks.

Now, folks, we have decided to put in a "private estimate" machine, and we will need help from friends all over the cotton belt. We will appreciate any information that a person might decide to submit regardless of whether he ever saw a stalk of cotton or ever wore an outing night shirt. We will assemble our information, and then "let it loose" to Wall Street every few days. We feel sure the bears will pay us something if we are not too bullish. The following letters have already been received.

flat rock, s. C. aug. the 22, 1929.  
mr. gee msgee, private gesses,  
anderson, s C.  
deer sir:—  
the cotton crops is off %85 in this section. the boll weevil has bit off the squares and the sharpshooters has shot off the leaves and it ain't rained a drop since i was a little boy. it is so dry around here that that old beck don't slobber none after he has just et up my patch of clover. where my wife had hoped to get 3 bales, i and she won't make over 200 lbs. of seed

cotton. please rite the farm bored to send us some money or rashions at once, and foam me if you can give me a job ansforth.

yores trulie,  
mik Celark, rfd.

Athens, Ga., Aug. 23, 1929.

Dear McGee:—  
Crops going back fast account dry weather and will probably prove a great disappointment to Mr. Ford and Mr. Chevvyly. Corn is way off and gardens simply ain't. Government estimate at least 2,450,000 too high.  
Yours truly,  
I. M. Ruint.

## DEMOCRATS PLAN FIGHT ON TARIFF

Signs of Raw Battle in Senate Grow As Minority Arranges Its Camp. Senator Harrison Speaks.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Increasing signs of a spirited contest in the senate over the party-old issue of tariff were apparent at the capitol today as Democrats revealed plans to broaden the attack to be made against the bill as revised by republican members of the final committee.

The minority disclosed it intended to direct its drive against not only many proposed higher levies but also against a score of existing rates which it regards unduly high and need of revision downward.

Amendments will be prepared on virtually every industrial item in the measure. Details of these and other phases of the Democratic program will be worked out next week at daily meetings of the eight Democrats on the finance committee. From the Republican camp word also went out during the day that the tariff would be kept constantly before the senate un-

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til disposed of, with no other business allowed to displace it.

In addition, from high Republican councils, there was issued a warning that should a filibuster develop endangering passage of the proposed legislation at the special session or early in the regular session a move would be made to defer action on the tariff for another year.

Under no circumstances, it was said, would the Republicans countenance any effort to postpone action far into the regular session beginning in December or until the time of the spring primary campaign for the next congressional elections.

Attributing this warning to Senator Watson of Indiana, the Republican leader, Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, said the move was not surprising.

"This administration and those who have brought forth the tariff iniquity," he said, "are beginning to feel the aroused indignation of the American people."

"They have retreated step by step and now are only looking for some excuse to extricate themselves from the position they have taken."

Instead of a filibuster, Harrison said there "is going to be orderly, reasonable debate." The Democrats, he added, would "not be bludgeoned by

coercion or threats from a full and frank discussion of every item and a record vote on the various increases in present duties and on amendments that will be offered by us on the floor."

"That is what the country wants, and that is what the Democratic minority will demand," he asserted, adding that "the measure was indefensible, that the Republican leadership was beginning to see this, and that leader Watson's move is the first step in the retreat."

### ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' Building and Loan Association of Clinton, S. C., will be held at the office of the First National Bank of Clinton, S. C., on Thursday, September 6, 1929, at 4 o'clock P. M.

All stockholders are requested to keep this notice in mind and attend the meeting, as business cannot be transacted unless a majority of the stock is represented at the meeting.

B. H. BOYD,  
Secretary and Treasurer.  
August 17, 1929.—9-5-3tc

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Farmers making bumper crops and dumping them on the market because they must have money to meet their notes; farm products selling for less than the cost of production; farm mortgages reluctantly renewed by the banks because the land wouldn't sell for enough to pay the loans.

Garment makers, miners and textile workers in the South earning just enough to provide food and clothing. Rich cream at the top; thin milk at the bottom.

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### School Notice

The Clinton public schools will reopen on Monday, Sept. 2, at 8:45 a. m. Pupils will secure their books beforehand and regular work will be done until second recess when the schools will be dismissed for the day.

All teachers will be in their respective buildings at 9:00 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, Aug. 31, for the purpose of conducting re-examinations and classifying pupils. At this time the teachers will discuss with pupils or parents courses of study and help them in any way they can.

It is advisable for all new pupils and all pupils without promotion tickets to consult with their teachers at this time.

Pupils above the fifth grade in the Providence school and above the sixth grade in the Academy Street school, will attend the Florida Street school.

Those who do not enter the first day will be given zero in their work.

J. Harvey Witherspoon, Supt.