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## PRIZE ESSAY.

Pupil of Johnston High School  
Won First Prize in The  
Cigarette Essay Con-  
test.

The following essay won first prize in the essay contest recently conducted by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, being written by Miss Rachael Simmons, of Johnston upon the subject "Why I should not smoke cigars."

I should not smoke cigars because they are so harmful to the user. They not only effect them mentally and physically but morally. The cigarette injures and degrades the user morally. One eminent educator has said, "I have yet to find a boy however honest or truthful he may have been, who could and would tell the truth after using cigarettes." We take for an example of how the cigar users are treated, a merchant advertises for a boy to work in the store where the honest responsibility is, and hundreds of boys possibly would answer the advertisement if it were not for this great question, which is "Do you smoke cigars?" Now why does the merchant ask this question? because he knows that a user of tobacco is untrustworthy, that he cannot afford to work on in that position and he will never be competent and trustworthy enough to advance. As we have started from the beginning with the boys, we will now take an instance of a man applying for a job on the railroad or other jobs where it requires a steady nerve and strong mind and one among the first questions is, "Do you use tobacco in any form?" and if he is a user of the cigarette he is not accepted by the employer. They most always ask this question because they know that the using of cigars causes the nerve to become unsteady and not only does it cause the nerve to become unsteady but it clouds the brain. The using of nicotine in any way almost always leads one to indulge in strong drink because the user thinks that it quiets the nerves and stimulates the body. When a man wants to enlist in an army, he can not stand the examination on account of weak eyes and it is most always the case that cigars are the cause of bad eye sight and when they begin practice in the military academy their aim is not perfect on account of unsteady nerves and they are at once refused, as the using of the cigarette is strictly forbidden in these schools.

It is not only the smoke that is inhaled, that is harmful, but the nicotine that is absorbed in the mucous membrane of the mouth. When a cigarette user smokes, he almost invariably inhales the smoke and there is therefore absorption not only in the mucous membrane but that of the nose, throat and larger bronchial tubes. In addition to all this the using of cigars causes the boys to become tired, stupid and lazy; it makes them irritable and careless of the rights and feelings of others, besides, in many cases it causes them to begin lying and even stealing as the case may be.

The father who uses the cigarette in the presence of his boy is committing even a sin to himself and is setting a bad example for his boy who may in some future day prove the ruin of his much beloved son. The boy who sees his father indulge in smoking, too begins the harmful habit, thinking that it makes him look like a man, but this is truly a mistake and instead of making him larger it stunts the growth. It weakens the nerves, stupefies the brain cells and interferes with digestion; it also diminishes the natural appetite. The cigarette contains nicotine and this is a violent poison. As the proof has been, doctors of much knowledge know that the cigarette harms the body because they have seen in many cases around the heart patches of poisonous matter which has been taken in from the using of it.

You can tell very distinctly the school boy who uses cigars, because he is of such a dull mind and his school work is of such a low grade that it reduces the class average and the scholarship standing. Some schools will not accept a boy who is a user of the cigarette. It is a fact that cigarette users are

harmful from the vantage point of the business world. We know this because it is emphasized in most advertisements that they are not wanted.

To prove that the cigarette is poisonous to the whole system we take for example a boy who is the user of it, feels the needs of a physician and goes to him. The doctor seems to think that the using of cigars is the trouble, but the boy does not wish to acknowledge this, and to prove that the doctor's word is true he takes a small insect called a leech and puts it on the arm of the boy. After a while it falls to the floor dead. But still the boy did not believe this was the cause of its death. He told the doctor if he would apply the second insect and it did as the first he would believe that the cigarette was the cause of impure blood. The second insect did as the first. Finally the boy said, "Doctor, I believe you are right and I will stop the use of tobacco in any form if it poisons the blood."

The jails and asylums are being filled day by day with the men who have become the victims of the cigarette, and also the hospitals by those who have been affected by it, and also the liquor habit, but we find that the victim dreads giving up cigars more than they do liquor.

The cigarette is more harmful than the cigar because the enameled paper in which the tobacco is wrapped is usually made by a process involving the use of poison. The effect of cigarette smoking on boys is clearly shown by some of the speeches by members of the great temperance leagues.

The user of the cigarette often times when he can not get it otherwise, will even steal it and when the time comes for questioning he will lie. The cigarette being smoked in a room which is not well ventilated is even poisonous and will sometimes cause the death of any one who is sleeping in that room. To illustrate this point we find in a French report the death of a youth who was sleeping in a closed room where several persons had been smoking. At midnight he was found insensible and a doctor was summoned but all effort for his restoration was fruitless and the doctor pronounced his case as one of congestion of the brain caused by the respiration of cigarette smoking during sleep.

Even back as far as the sixteenth century the head of the people, who was signorant of the great harm of the tobacco, forbade the using of it and often times those who used tobacco were punished. Its tendency in the young is to idleness, profanity, drunkenness, disobedience to parents, and Sabbath desecration. It loves to dwell with its kindred. "The cigarette is not much of a mathematician, but it can add to a boy's nervous troubles, it can subtract from his physical energy; it can multiply his aches and pains; it can take interest from his work, and discount his chances of success." The cigarette is the nail which clasps its victim in the coffin. Tobacco intemperance is injurious to the body at any age.

## Work Begun on Building For Bailey Military Institute.

Greenwood, April 4.—Mauldin & Chapman, who were awarded the contract for the erection of the Bailey Military Institute building, are already at work on the job. The large two buildings for the institute are to be completed by September 1. The ground on which the buildings are to stand was leveled some time ago, so there will be no delay in getting work under way. According to plans drawn by Casey and Vance, the following is a description of the institute: Main building, 191 feet by 38 feet; rear extension, 60 feet by 60 feet; three stories high of brick veneer.

A high pressure steam boiler will be installed to furnish heat for the building, steam for the ranges in the kitchen and hot water for the showers. On the first floor will be the president's apartments, the apartment of one professor, the library,

## Program Educational Meeting Edgefield, April 9, 1913 Eleven O'clock at the Court House.

Invocation.....REV. E. C. BAILEY  
Address.....HON. CARLETON B. GIBSON, Rochester, N. Y.  
Address.....PROF. W. K. TATE, State Supv. Rural Schools

## Evening Meeting Eight O'clock at the College Auditorium

Invocation.....REV. J. R. WALKER  
Address.....HON. J. E. SWEARINGEN  
Music.....HON. CARLETON B. GIBSON  
Music.....PROF. W. H. HANCOCK, State High School Inspector  
Benediction.....DR. M. D. JEFFRIES

office, parlor, guard room, etc. In the rear extension will be the dining room, the kitchen, showers and storage room. On the second floor will be two apartments for professors and dormitory rooms. The class rooms will be in the rear extension of this floor. On the third floor will be the infirmary and dormitory rooms, and in the extension the study hall. The building will have a capacity of 150 cadets. The contract for heating and plumbing will be let about April 15.

## Oratorical Contest at the S. C. C. I. Monday Night, April 4th, 1913.

The Curry Oratorical Contest will be held in the college auditorium Monday evening April 14th, beginning at 8:15. Admittance free. A fine program has been arranged which consists of short sparkling gems, occupying a few minutes to deliver, and selections of a longer and more serious nature. It will in fact be the best and biggest oratorical contest seen in this school for years and the medal awarded is the best ever for such a contest. All lovers of oratory are invited to be present and hear the speeches.

All of the combatants have taken a deep interest in this contest. They have been working faithfully ever since the organization of the class last year, first at their theory work and then practicing their speeches. Captain Curry has given to the Class the best instruction that he possesses.

Below is a list of the speakers:  
John C. Applewhite,  
Claude T. Burnett,  
George H. Burriess,  
Ernest S. Dunbar,  
Julian B. Edwards,  
H. Curtis Edens,  
Willis K. Herndon,  
Gervais V. Heuit,  
Paul B. Kennedy,  
Joseph P. Patrick,  
Roland E. Snuggs,  
Harold H. Snuggs.

## Items of Interest From Mountain Creek Section.

Farmers are wearing broad smiles on account of this lovely spring weather. But we are afraid there will not be very much fruit on account of the recent frost.

We are glad to say the roads are improving very much since the sun has been shining and the fierce winds have been sweeping over them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ozts spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Collins.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner and left a beautiful little blue eyed girl.

Mr. J. J. Clinton and his little daughter left for their home in Rock Hill April 2nd.

Mrs. M. N. Parkman has been right sick, but we are glad to say she is improving.

Misses Lucy and Maggie Har-

ling, Beuna Ozts and Esther Collins made a pleasant visit to Miss Hattie Faulkner Saturday and Sunday last.

Mr. W. L. Timmerman of Horns creek paid a visit to the home folks Sunday.

Mrs. V. T. McMannus and her fascinating daughters, Misses Ada and Clara, were in town on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Clara Faulkner.

Misses Hattie Faulkner Beuna Ozts and Sophie Mae Johnson were guests of Miss Martha Strom of the Rehoboth section last Tuesday and Wednesday.

A great many people of this section attended the union meeting at Stevens creek. The manner of a few that went from this section are the following: Mr. W. G. Collins Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Johnson, Master James Faulkner and Mrs. Clara Faulkner, Miss Sophie Mae and Everlyn Johnson, Mr. Homer Ozts, Messrs Tom and Wallace Pardue and others.

Mrs. Essie Ozts of Greenwood who has been quite sick for a long time has been visiting relatives in the Mountain creek section. We are glad to say she is much improved and hope she will soon be well again.

Mr. Eddie Strom had the misfortune of losing his barn by fire last Wednesday. His loss consisted of corn and fodder, none of his stock being burned. He carried no insurance.

Mr. J. T. Ozts has been sick but is able to be up now.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McMannus spent Monday night last with Mr. W. T. McMannus.

Little Jewell and Lois McMannus spent a very pleasant day with little Claire Faulkner last Thursday.

Mrs. Sallie Jester of Augusta and Miss Jessie Parkman were guests of Mrs. Hattie Harling last Friday.

There will be all day services at Mountain creek second Sunday in April. Mr. McKittrick will preach a missionary sermon Sunday morning. Come up, Mr. Editor, we would be glad to have you with us.

There are a good many diamonds and band rings in this country. Orange blossoms are budding, we think they will soon bloom.

Two Blue Eyed Girls.

A Scotchman went to a solicitor, laid before him a question, and asked him if he could undertake the case, reports the Birmingham Weekly Post.

"Certainly," replied the solicitor. I will readily undertake the case. We're sure to win."

"So ye really think it's a good case?"

"Most decidedly, my dear sir. I am prepared to guarantee that you will secure a favorable verdict."

"Ah, weel, I'm much obliged tae ye, but I danna think I'll go tae law this time, for ye see, the case, I've laid before ye is my opponents."

## News From Colliers.

Not seeing any letter in the paper from Colliers in several weeks, I decided to pen a few dots thinking it would be appreciated by some far away subscribers, who have friends, or relatives, in and around the community.

We are needing rain after having so many hard rains. The ground has baked on top.

It has been quite a busy week with the farmers preparing their lands for planting.

Mrs. W. J. Harling, Miss Kate Hammond and Mrs. J. N. Crafton have all been on the sick list this week, but they are all better now.

Miss Fanning has had sore throat all this week, but she did not give up her school work.

Mrs. J. H. Mathis and children spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thurmond near Red Oak Grove church. Mr. J. H. having to keep house, was heard giving some bachelors good advice.

Mr. L. R. Hammond has recently had his residence remodeled and painted. It certainly is pretty. This handsome residence which was planned by Mr. Wm. Callum, of Columbia, is evidence of his architectural ability.

Miss Alpha Hammond who is teaching in Newberry county came home Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hammond, returning Sunday to take up her school work Monday. Her school will close in May. There will be quite a welcome awaiting her.

Mr. Wyatt Hammond who has charge of the dairy of Mrs. James Hammond, of North Augusta, spent Saturday night and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. S. G. Hammond. He has many friends and relatives in Colliers who are always glad to welcome him.

We are glad to say that little Albert Talbert, who has been suffering with a broken limb is able to take up her school work again.

Mr. O. J. Prince is gone on a visit to his friend Mr. J. B. Adams of Plum Branch.

Mrs. D. T. Mathis and daughter Miss Nona, spent last Friday in Augusta, and went that night to Belvedere to visit her brother and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris whose home is made by the happy arrival of a fine little girl.

Quite a number of the Colliers people attended the union meeting at Clark's Hill last Sunday. Some of the boys must have had a fine time, as they did not get home until Monday at noon.

We all were sorry to see Miss Aminee Cartledge leave for Batesburg; we all love her and she is missed in the Sunday School, missionary union and also socially as she has always lived in the community and of course the boys are wearing long faces.

The concert which was given on March 28th proved quite a success. The program consisting of two plays, drills, recitations, etc., was well rendered all acquitting themselves creditably, winning commendation for themselves and the teachers who planned the entertainment. An attractive feature of the program was music furnished by the Colliers band. It consists of eleven instruments and is directed by Mr. H. W. McKie. They contributed much to the success and pleasure of the evening. All were enthusiastic in their praises of the excellent music and the talent displayed.

The members all show remarkable ability for the short time they have been organized.

The marches for the drills was very skillfully played on the organ by Miss Nona Mathis. The exercises closing at 11:30, we all returned to our homes feeling that we were much benefited by the events of the pleasant occasion which we seldom get to see in the country.

For fear I am taking too much space will close.

Subscriber.

Wanted—A competent person to undertake the sale of a new medicine that will prove highly lucrative to the undertaker.—Christian Intelligencer.

She—"But how do I know you love me?"

He—"Why, I can't sleep at nights thinking of you."

She—"That proves nothing. Pa can't sleep at nights thinking of you; but I hardly think it is love."

—London Telegraph.

## JOHNSTON LETTER.

### Death of Laurens Cooper. Engagement Announced. Baptist Sunday School Gives Good Report.

The body of Laurens Cooper, the 11 year old son of Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Cooper, of Tacona, Ga., was brought here on Sunday evening, and the interment took place at Mt. of Olives cemetery on Monday at 9:30 o'clock, beside the grave of a little brother. Laurens met his death while at play upon a frame work, where the electric line crossed. He came in contact with a live current, 2,700 volts passing through his body and death was instant. Rev. Cooper was pastor here of the Baptist church for several years and the entire family is held in the greatest love and esteem by all, and their grief is also a sorrow to them. When they arrived upon their sad mission, they were met by many friends and the body was carried to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lott.

Mrs. Rufus Dorn, of Meeting Street, spent the week here at the home of her nephew, W. B. Ozts.

Miss Mary Jenkins, of Greenville, and Mrs. Cudworth, of Charleston are expected soon to visit Mrs. G. P. Cobb.

Mrs. Bettie Cogburn is at home from a visit at Trenton.

Dr. F. L. Parker and Fred, Jr., visited in Edgefield during last week.

W. L. Woodward, of Bennettsville, has been here for a few days with his homefolks.

Misses Emmie Mitchel and Maud Wright are at home from a two week's visit to Leesville.

Mr. Marion Williams, of Augusta, was here last week visiting his sister, Mrs. J. M. Hoyt.

Mrs. Alice Cox is at home from a week's visit to Augusta with the family of her uncle, Dr. B. E. Berry. She was accompanied home by her niece, Miss Mary Perry.

Mrs. Turnipseed, of Laurens is the guest of her sister, Mrs. B. L. Allen.

Mrs. F. M. Warren and Miss Bettie Warren visited in Augusta last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Cobb entertained a few friends and their visitors with a dinner Wednesday. The day was delightfully spent, and their accomplished daughter, Miss Sue Sloan entertained all with music on several instruments. A several course dinner was served, and each piece of china used was handpainted and the work of Miss Sloan.

Mrs. Kate Lynch, of Edgefield, visited here recently.

Rev. P. E. Monroe, and A. A. Derrick, and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Watson attended the Sunday school convention in Sumter last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles V. Smith, of Tenuile, Ga., have announced the engagement of their daughter Mary Sallie, to Mr. Wilmot Ozts, to take place in June. Miss Smith is a niece of Rev. W. L. Lawson a former pastor here, and it was during her first visit to this place with his family that Cupid began his pranks.

Miss Holmes, of Augusta, is the guest of Miss Maud Nickerson.

Mrs. W. J. Hatcher is at home from a two week's stay in Atlanta with relatives.

The quarterly report of the Baptist Sunday school showed that it is in a splendid condition. With a membership of 360, there was an average of 200 per Sunday and the collections for the quarter amounted to \$127.51.

Mr. Massey, of Rock Hill, spent Sunday here with friends.

Mrs. James White has been quite sick for a week or more.

Mrs. James Scott, of Columbia, is the guest of relatives here.

The Washington Star tells this: What's the matter with you? asked the moving picture doorkeeper. "This is about the 20th time you've looked this film over."

"Yes, I can't keep away."

"And it isn't such a great film at that."

"You don't understand My wife was the leading woman in that photoplay. You don't know what it means to a man to be able to sit down and see his wife busily occupied day after day at the same time not hear her saying a word."