

LOSSING HISTORY INTERESTING STUDY

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Says Stories of Revolutionary War Contained in School Books by This Author; Obsolete

Nowadays the so-called ultra-modern historian has formed the habit of sneering at the past and the traditions of by-gone days. To do this is regarded as ultra-smart by the modern cynics who are too busy or too lazy to reason and whose sensibilities seldom go deeper than any odor of scandal which they can detect near the surface. Research for the writing of history is not regarded as necessary by the new school of historians. What is required is a good nose for scandal and a flippant way of saying things.

It is of special interest to note, therefore, that Mr. Quaker O'Taylor has written in the current issue of the National Republic an interesting account of the life and work of Ben Lossing, whom he regards as a real historian, and one who went after facts. Concerning Ben Lossing, Mr. O'Taylor says:

Praise by Official

"A veteran official of the Library of Congress, who knows more about books and things in general than any man I have ever known, said that in his opinion, the best and most interesting stories of the Revolutionary War had been written by a man named Benson J. Lossing.

"You will find, however," he added, "that Lossing's books are now out of print. You will also discover that his way of getting facts and writing them is ridiculed by some of our present-day historians who get their data out of their heads and write history to please the so-called intelligentsia who think our national capital ought to be in Europe instead of Washington. These modern fellows call themselves 'interpreters' of history. In their attitude of superiority they take the position that the bulk of American men and women are incapable of digesting facts for themselves. Some of their histories have been adopted by public schools and, as a result, children in these schools may get the idea that patriotism is out of date, a situation bound to result in great harm for our republic in years to come.

Searched For Facts

"Lossing was the man who searched for his facts where things actually happened. Take for instance, his 'Pictorial Field-Book of the Revolution.' When he decided to prepare that famous work he bought himself a horse and buggy and drove to every spot in the thirteen original states and Canada where anything had happened in the War for Independence. Before completing his travels he covered more than nine thousand miles and wore out several horses and buggies. He talked to the survivors of that great struggle and got first-hand facts. He was an artist as well as a writer, and drew thousands of pictures of people and scenes as they actually existed. When he interviewed an old-time he drew a picture of him at the same time. He also drew pictures of battlefields as they looked at the time of his visit. He made a wholesome contribution to American historical literature. His histories ought to be in every public school, every college and every library in the land."

The farmers complain of bad roads, but if so the canvassers and agents won't probably get around to take up so much of their time.

The world is said to be overcrowded, but when four or five young people crowd into a single seater automobile, they don't seem to mind it any.

KITTY HAWK TO BE NATIONAL MEMORIAL

TO WRIGHT BROS. SUCCESS

Desolate Spot in Carolina Where Man First Learned to Fly To Become Shrine; May Build Monument

Kitty Hawk, the desolate spot on the Carolina coast which was the scene on Dec. 17, 1903, of Orville Wright's pioneer flight in a motor-driven heavier-than-air machine, is to be converted into a national area commemorative of that achievement.

A recent donation of 275 acres of land and the promise of the co-operation of the United States Government and the State of North Carolina indicate that work will begin soon.

Development of the area is in the hands of the Kill Devil Hill Memorial Association which was formed following the visit of Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, to report on the action of Congress, which had passed a bill authorizing the erection there of a monument in commemoration of the first airplane flight. The Secretaries of War, Commerce and the Navy were appointed a commission to carry out the purposes of the bill.

Includes Bridge

The association's program includes the building of a bridge across Currituck Sound between the mainland and Kitty Hawk to Kill Devil Hill—to make the monument and airport at the later place accessible to all America by motor, says the Christian Science Monitor.

It is hoped also to provide an airport and suitable accommodations at Kill Devil Hill for aviators and aerial tourists, and to hold annually, and occasionally, as desirable, appropriate exercises commemorating the feat of the Wrights and keeping forever alive the fact of America's place in aeronautical history.

The association has obtained the support of a number of national figures to act as an advisory counsel for the organization, who have given assurance of doing their share in making Kill Devil Hill everything that is proposed.

To Build Road

North Carolina has agreed to construct as many miles of hard-surfaced road as may be necessary to make the spot accessible from all directions to accommodate automobiles from all sections of the country. The actual construction of these roads will begin as soon as the memorial association decides.

According to W. O. Saunders of Elizabeth City, who heads the organization, it is the purpose of the memorial association to construct an airport from a landing field more than a mile long. The land has been donated by Allen R. Hueth and Charles M. Baker of Asbury Park, N. J., and Frank Stick, of Interlaken, N. J.

It is proposed to have the memorial far advanced by Dec. 17, 1928, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Wrights' flight.

CONGRESS FAVORS BIG FEDERAL AID PROGRAM

The Phipps' Federal-aid bill, authorizing \$75,000,000 for Federal-aid in road construction in each of the years of 1930 and 1931, was favorably reported this week by the Senate post office committee. The measure, supported by the American Motorists association and other national organizations, is a companion measure of the Dowell bill in the House, which provided for an annual appropriation of \$75,000,000 for Federal-aid. Passage of the Federal-aid measure is regarded as certain.

The young man's heart is supposed to turn to thoughts of love at this season, but when it is turned to thoughts of supporting a wife, it frequently turns back again.

SUBURBAN GARDENS REQUIRE NOURISHMENT

Careful Cultivation and Proper Kinds of Fertilizing Agents Needed

The joyful suburbanite comes home as confident as Jack of the Beanstalk fame, his pockets bulging with beautifully lithographed seed packages. But what is the fruit of his labor? Maybe a few furtive shoots raise their heads. Like as not these turn out to be weeds, disdained by even the neighborhood birds. And in disgust, the novice gardener swears off gardening for life.

He had forgotten that flowers, vegetables and shrubs, require careful cultivation. They must be given regular care and attention. And above all, they must be supplied with nourishing foods. For like human beings, they must eat to live and thrive.

Basement sand and clay subsoil are not fertile, to say the least. Yet this is the composition of much of the soil in city and suburbs. For this condition professional gardeners and nurserymen recommend specially prepared commercial plant foods.

These are concentrated mixtures that give plants properly balanced rations and nourish them through quick, vigorous growth to full maturity.

Garden authorities agree that here is the easiest, most pleasant and economical way of supplying the amount of fertilizer that is needed. Other substances that all growing things must have. By selecting a brand of plant food put out by a reputable concern, one can go ahead with any gardening plans and be reasonably sure of success.

TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT MADE BY SOME BIRDS

Biological Survey Has Evidence That They Have Done Trick

Long-distance flights of birds are common. Many species that spend their summers in the United States and Canada fly almost the length of the Western Hemisphere and spend the northern winter in the summer of Argentina and Chile. Long-distance flights over water may be less common, but the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture has conclusive evidence that

some birds do fly across the Atlantic. This evidence is the result of bird-banding activities that have proved so useful in the study of the flight and habits of birds.

Two black-headed gulls banded at Rossitten, Germany, were recaptured, one at Barbados, in the British West Indies, and the other on the mainland of Mexico, near Vera Cruz. Two kittiwakes, banded at the Farne Islands, Northumberland, England, were recovered almost directly across the Atlantic at points on the coasts of Labrador and Newfoundland. A common tern, banded at Eastern Egg Rock, Me., crossed both the Atlantic Ocean and the Equator and was recovered from the delta of the Niger River, British West Africa. A young Arctic tern, banded in Labrador, was recently found dead near La Rochelle, on the coast of France.

AMERICAN SCENES IN PARIS STYLE DRAWINGS

Fashion Artist Protests Use of Foreign Backgrounds For His Pictures

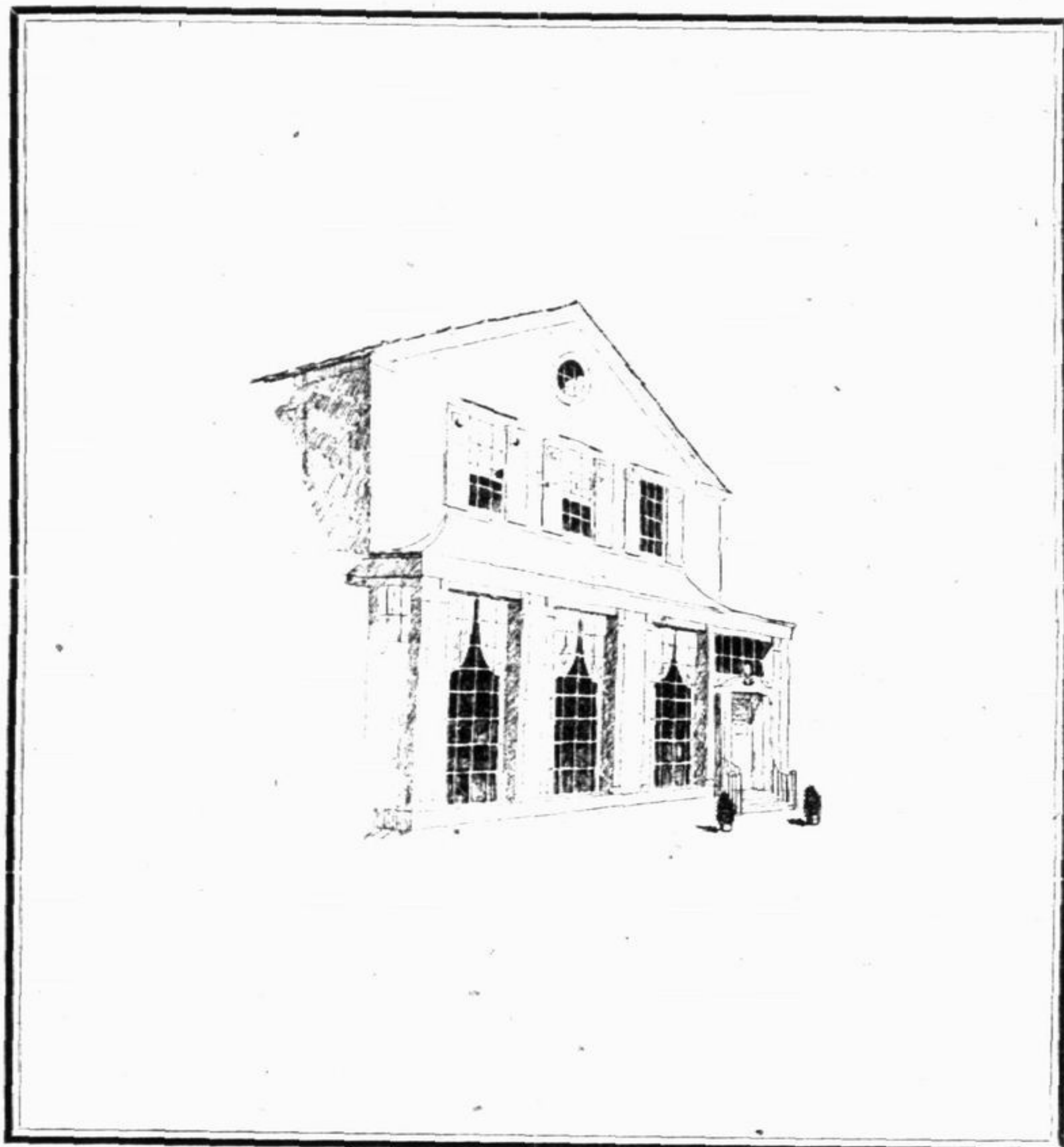
Ralph Barton, fashion artist in Paris, whose duty it is to draw the latest creations that appear in the

reasonable showings of the great fashion salons, has issued a declaration of independence.

In the corner of his latest series of ten drawings of Paris gowns for the Woman's Home Companion he wrote: "This is a solemn protest against the monopoly of Parisian monuments, the Eiffel tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysees, ect., of fashion backgrounds."

Accompanying his declaration, Barton reproduced a wide variety of the most elaborate gowns on view at the spring openings but in the background behind the figures there were no familiar Paris scenes. Instead there appeared, in unusual contrast backgrounds showing the Kansas City Union Station, the Oakland City Hall, the Bunker Hill Monument, the Denver State Capitol, the Milwaukee City Hall, the Indianapolis Soldiers' Monument, the White House Blue Room, the White House Red Room, the White House entrance and the Akron, Ohio, public library.

While pouring out the words at such a superb rate of speed, it would be well for many of the politicians to mix a few ideas in with them.



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