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MONDAY, AUG. 29, 1938

Schools Open

Today about 10,000 children in this county answered the call of the school bell and entered upon their studies for another eight months.

But few of the children realize what this means. Within the memory of many of us who have not reached middle age, a child was fortunate who had a school of as much as five months to attend. Sometimes the school did not last three months.

No child was hauled to school and many of them walked more than two miles to and from the little cottages and cabins which were called school houses. The children sat on home made benches, and books were few.

Today, the bus goes along the road in front of the house, hauling the children to the school door. The buildings, in most cases, are heated by steam and the utmost comfort is assured. On opening day the children are furnished books without cost. The school continues for eight months, two thirds of the year, and in many schools there are teachers for each individual grade.

Yearly the state spends about \$25,000,000 to carry on schools, not to mention the sums spent by counties in capital outlay and current expense. The people of the state and counties are taxed this large sum. It does not come from far off Santa Claus who has nothing to do but shake a tree and watch the dollars fall.

We fear that there is not a proper sense of appreciation for educational opportunities among the children of today and that the product of the schools is not as good when compared to the expense as it was 20 or 30 years ago. Facilities are better, teachers are better trained and it certainly cannot be laid up to lack of opportunity. School is not taken seriously by a great many of the children who have advanced to the age when they should have a deep sense of appreciation for the opportunities which daily grow better and make it easier to get the most out of school.

To those children who enrolled today we would kindly ask that they attend school every day this year and that they really put forth efforts toward acquiring an academic education. But book knowledge is not all that is involved. Schools to many children are the first opportunity to mingle extensively among other children and qualities of leadership are to be developed.

School playgrounds offer to children a wonderful opportunity to show and develop qualities of courage, honor, leadership and service. It is the starting point for learning to "mix" with others. School children learn to know each other. They soon learn who is "O. K." and who is a "fourflusher." They learn the bullies and the braggarts. They quickly ascertain who among them are cowards.

Schools for many represent the crossroads. A child will develop tendencies toward the right or wrong. School age is the age when morality should be encouraged to the fullest extent.

The Crazy Cycle

As we have often said before, everything runs in cycles. It appears now that we are in the midst of a cycle of crazy and fanatical doings.

Only a few weeks ago a nut jumped seventeen stories to the sidewalk in New York in open defiance of those who were trying to rescue him from his own insanity.

In San Francisco a woman threatened to jump ten stories but was caught from behind, and was sentenced in court for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. On Thursday we read of a woman who took the Bible admonition of "If an eye offend thee, pluck it out." She said her eye and hand had sinned

and she consequently gouged out one eye with scissors and cut off one hand with a hatchet.

During several years of newspaper work it has been interesting to note how fanatical stunts appear to be "teaching." For a while there were the tree sitting endurance contests and that wild scheme later turned to flag poles as sitting spots.

In Wilkes we have reported as many as five violent deaths in one week, and we have seen five months pass with no happenings of that nature. All of which leads to the belief that almost everything runs in cycles.

The Outlook: War or Peace?

Last week was the time that most observers set for critical events in Europe, with the fear that Germany would make some overt move against Czechoslovakia and thus precipitate a crisis in affairs that would lead to open war.

The danger is not exactly over. The German leader has about a million men under arms, engaged in maneuvers designed to test the fitness of his newly created army. Whether he has any idea of using them remains to be seen but there is considerable opinion to the effect that Hitler is not yet ready for a mad gamble with war.

There may be an opportunity to prevent war in the future through some concessions to Germany and Italy that will ease their severe economic situation. Great Britain has been trying the policy but without much success so far. The great danger, it seems to us, is in the fact that both Germany and Italy have warlike leaders, with both nations organized on a wartime economy and with their people fed steadily upon an aggressive psychology.

Why do Hitler and Mussolini rigorously prepare their nations for war? The answer, it must be, is because they expect to have war. It is possible that they hope to get adequate concessions without resorting to force but any peace based upon buying off the two powers, will not last longer than the bait thrown out to them. When, eventually, the other nations reach the end of concessions the German and Italian dictators will have to face the issue of using their military and naval forces to obtain other concessions.

Whether war will result, in the long run, depends upon whether Hitler and Mussolini believe they can win. Obviously, they realize that a losing war will put their peoples in a worse position than at the end of the World War. They will hardly start conflict if they realize it will be long-drawn out struggle, in which the superior economic strength of their adversaries would be decisive. Neither will they begin to fight if they understand clearly the forces that will inevitably be lined up against them.

Either or both of these dictators, however, might prefer to go down fighting, rather than to passively accept defeat in the grandiose schemes for world power. This is a real threat of war.

LOCAL PATRIOTS

(Richmond Times-Dispatch)

It has been a banner summer for all local patriots: An Irish airman lands in Ireland, and only lately the Spaniards captured a Spanish town.

Add life surprises: Getting five dollars back from a man who borrowed it two days before with the understanding he would pay it back promptly.

Borrowed Comment

AN EDITOR'S PRAYER

Blessed are the merchants who advertise, for they have faith in their own business, and their prosperity shall increase many fold.

Blessed is the woman who sends in a written account of a party or wedding for she shall see the details and names of her guests correctly reported.

Blessed are those who do not expect the editor to know everything, but tell him whenever an interesting event occurs in which they are interested, for they shall have a better newspaper in their town.

Blessed are they who cooperate with the editor in behalf of the community, for their town shall be known to all men, far and wide, as a good place in which to live and do business.

Blessed are they who do not think they could run the paper better than the editor runs it—*gee*, there are so few of them in the community.—Exchange.

TODAY and TOMORROW
FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

HELIUM advantages By the aid of helium new records for deep-sea diving were set in July. This gas, which enables airships to soar, also enables human beings to go deeper in the ocean than anyone has ever gone before.

The trick is to pump a mixture of helium and oxygen into the diver's helmet while he is submerged. William Badders, Master Diver of the United States Navy, went down 401 feet from the U. S. S. Falcon and remained submerged at that depth for half an hour, with no ill effects.

The greatest danger to deep-sea divers is the necessity of keeping the air pressure inside the diving suits as great as that exerted by the seawater from outside, which increases with the depth. Under such high pressures the nitrogen of the air pumped penetrates the blood-vessels and causes a paralysis which is often fatal after the diver has been hauled up. With helium substituted for nitrogen that danger is eliminated.

TREASURE recovery For nearly 150 years efforts have been going on to recover 10 million dollars' worth of gold bars which were sunk when the ship "Lutine" was wrecked on the coast of Holland in 1790. About a million dollars has been salvaged. Only a few weeks ago divers brought up another bar worth about ten thousand dollars.

Off the coast of Portugal divers have recovered nearly half of the 4 million dollars of gold which went down with the ship "Atlantis" a few years ago. The "Lusitania" carried two or three million in gold when she was torpedoed by a German submarine in 1915. The wreck has been located off the Irish coast, and sooner or later that gold will be brought up.

All along the Atlantic coast of the United States are wrecks of ships which carried gold or silver, but which lie too deep to be reached by ordinary means. There is a million dollars or so in copper bars in the hull of the "Pontias," 300 feet deep at the bottom of Lake Huron. Improved diving apparatus will make the recovery of most of such sunken treasure possible.

SUNSPOTS predictions Whenever astronomers see through their telescopes an increase in the number and violence of magnetic storms on the surface of the sun, they nowadays make two predictions which so far have come true. They predict that there will be serious droughts over a period of years and that in that period there will be excessive static interference with radio signals.

Sunspot cycles run about eleven years; five or six years of activity, then an equal period of quiescence. The present cycle began in 1931, and until 1937 there was an almost constant succession of drought years. Now, astronomers say, the magnetic storms on the sun are subsiding. There have been only two flare-ups since last Summer, the latest in April this year. Simultaneously, the past year has been marked by the heaviest and most widely-dispersed rainfall in years. In the first half of 1938 the average rain and snow was 12 per cent above normal for the whole United States. The "dust bowl" is green once more and the largest crops in years are growing in the wheat and corn country.

MILK refrigeration It must have occurred to everybody at one time or another that it would be a grand thing if milk could be kept sweet and pure indefinitely without refrigeration. Well, that's happened. Out of one of the largest chemical research laboratories has come a process, which has been patented, for preserving whole milk at room temperatures for as long as three or four months.

The thing is done by adding hydrogen peroxide and potassium iodide to the fresh milk and then heating it to 131 degrees for fifteen minutes to an hour. As little as six drops of peroxide and a third of a drop of iodide to a gallon of milk so treated are said to be enough to kill all the bacteria which cause milk to go sour, more effectively than pasteurization does it.

According to the laboratory reports, the taste of the milk remains unimpaired for weeks, and no trace of the hydrogen peroxide can be found in it by the most delicate chemical tests. The slight trace of iodine makes the treated milk beneficial, especially in regions where the water-supply is lacking in iodine.

CROPS prices Nothing is more certain in the long run to starve the farmers who grow it than a high-paying crop raised to a particular area.

That's one of the paradoxes of agriculture, and it lies the reason for much of the agricultural TODAY AND TOMORROW—2 distress of which we have been hearing so much in recent years.

A single "big-money" crop is always a temptation to farmers to abandon everything else in the effort to get rich quick. But as soon as it has been demonstrated that there are big profits to be made, competition becomes so vigorous that prices fall below the cost of production and the farmer who has put his land and his capital into a speculative one-crop venture goes broke.

Cotton is America's classic example, but citrus fruits, tobacco and many others have ruined communities into which they once poured wealth when they were first introduced. Brazil has been all but ruined by its coffee crop; the Central American republics which once flourished by growing

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by a judgment of the Superior Court of Wilkes county, in an action entitled: J. S. Bray vs. A. O. Bray, therein appointing the undersigned commissioner to sell the lands described in the petition:

I will, therefore, on Monday, September 5, 1938, at the hour of two o'clock, p. m., at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, N. C., offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, viz:

First Tract: Lying and being in Newcastle Township, Wilkes county, adjoining the lands of _____ and others and described as follows: Beginning on a maple on bank of creek in Jas. Hunt's old line; thence south 82 poles to a red oak, Richard Walker's corner; thence west with said Walker's line 26 poles to a pine; thence south 45 degrees west 40 poles to a chestnut oak; thence west 22 poles to a Spanish oak; thence south 16 poles to a small chestnut oak; thence west 53 poles to a chestnut oak by a path; thence north 32 degrees west 52 poles to a chestnut on bank of said creek; thence north 64 degrees east down said creek 180 poles to the beginning, containing 100 acres, more or less. Except 30 acres sold to Sam Spangh on the west side of said tract.

Second Tract: Lying and being in Brushy Mountain Township, Wilkes county, and described as follows: Beginning at a stake on the east side of Brushy Mountain Avenue, 150' northwardly from the north corner of Brushy Mountain Avenue and Lithia St., and running eastwardly along the boundary line of Lot 57 220 to an alley; thence northward along the west side of said alley 50 feet to a stake; thence westwardly along the south boundary of Lot 56, 220 feet to Brushy Mountain Avenue; thence southwardly along the east side of Brushy Mountain Avenue 50 feet to the beginning, containing 11,000 square feet.

Said land being described as Lot 57 on the map of Brushy Mountain Iron and Lithia Springs Company.

It is understood that each lot carries with it the right of one family to use water from the Iron and Lithia Springs.

This 1st day of August, 1938.

A. H. CASEY, Commissioner.

Approximately 10 carloads of phosphate will be used by Mitchell county farmers by September 15.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a deed of trust to secure a sum of money executed by Winfield Nichols on the 9th day of February, 1929, the final payment of which was due on the 9th day of February, 1931, to the undersigned trustee for J. R. Finley, executor of J. T. Finley, deceased, recorded in office of Register of Deeds of Wilkes county, in book 151, page 226 said indebtedness being still due and unpaid, the undersigned will on Thursday, September 1, 1938, at two o'clock, p. m., sell to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, N. C., the lands described in said deed of trust, as follows:

Lots Nos. 1, 2, 39 and 40, in Block J, on a plat of land formerly owned by J. T. Finley estate, known as the Finley Park Extension, as surveyed and platted by Samuel P. Mitchell, Engineer, which plat is recorded in office of Register of Deeds of Wilkes county, in book 87, page 539, to which reference is hereby made for full description.

This 1st day of August, 1938.
S. P. MITCHELL, Trustee
By Chas. G. Gilreath 8-15-29-29
Attorney

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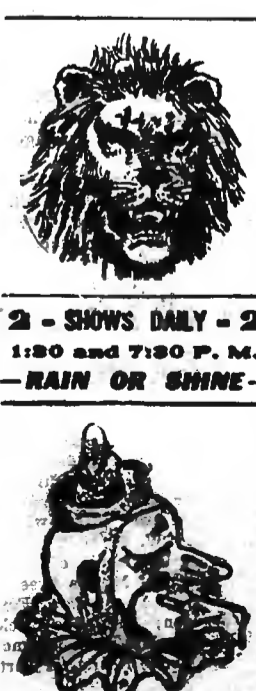
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