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## School's Out—Watch Out

The release of several hundred thousand boys and girls upon North Carolina streets and highways as a result of the closing of the public schools poses a serious safety problem for parents and motorists, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, stated this week.

"A good motto for motorists to adopt at this season of the year is 'School's out—watch out,'" the safety director said. "And a suggestion for parents is this: If you want your children to play in a safe place, you should provide an attractive place where they can play at home."

Hocutt pointed out that even in ordinary times there are great potentialities for tragedy when throngs of carefree, energetic and often thoughtless children are released from school for the summer vacation period, but that these dangers are greatly increased at a time such as the present, when traffic fatalities in this state are running nearly 50 per cent above last year and the general tempo of life and traffic is greatly stepped up.

He suggested that parents can help avert child traffic fatalities by (1) providing attractive places for children to play away from traffic, (2) discouraging children from visiting playmates out of their immediate neighborhood unless their parents or some older person can provide them with a ride or walk with them, (3) not sending children away from home on unnecessary errands, and (4) helping children develop safe habits of walking, playing, skating and cycling.

Motorists can help, he added, by (1) keeping a sharp eye on children who are walking, running, playing ball, skating or riding bicycles in or adjacent to the street or roadway, (2) trying to anticipate sudden movements of children, and (3) being prepared to stop quickly in the event of such movements.

## Time For The Bill Collector

"Give us \$20,000,000,000 worth of tanks, guns, planes and munitions—and charge it!"

That, in effect, is what the American people have said and now we are beginning to hear about collecting payments.

It's easy to buy things on a charge account. At lot of people find it so easy that they finally call off their charge accounts at local stores in order to stop running up bills which are out of line with what they can pay. They realize that if they pay cash they will spend only what they can afford.

The American people can afford to pay a huge amount for the defense of the country. Most of them would do a lot of paying right now before considering calling off any part of our defense program. But so far no bill collection has come around.

Most of us aren't going to go to congress and say, "Please tax me." But at the same time, if we're going to have to start paying soon, we'd like to know what the installments are going to amount to so we can start laying a little money aside to meet them.

Furthermore, in order that the free spending we are willing to sanction for defense isn't carried into less necessary fields, we ought to be told just what the present program is going to cost each of us in dollars and cents. There are plenty of people who think that if we can spend \$20,000,000,000 without it seeming to effect us, we might as well add a few billions more for a lot of luxuries which it would be nice to have provided out of the government's secret funds.

The only trouble is that the government can't get a nickel that it does not collect from us—and sooner or later it's going to start sending out bills. So, until we find out how

much these bills are going to be, we ought to refuse to say, "Charge it!" on anything else that comes along.—Watauga Democrat.

## Borrowed Comment

### HEALTH IN ARMY CAMPS (Mount Airy Times)

If you've heard those rumors about epidemics at army camps, large numbers of deaths in army hospitals, unhealthy sanitary conditions and fast spreading diseases among our recently recruited soldiers, put them down as malicious whispering.

These stories have been going the rounds about practically all of our new and enlarged camps. Whether the purpose is to stir up resentment among families of soldiers, or to create fear for the strength of our army, we don't know, but investigation shows that men in army camps are, in most cases, in much more healthful surroundings than they are at home.

Whispering campaigns can spread false rumors like wild-fire. And there is little doubt that a lot of these army camp stories are planned and paid for by enemies within our gates.

Recent investigation in one camp, where it was reported that the army hospital was overflowing with pneumonia cases and that there had been a large number of pneumonia deaths and that conditions were deplorable, showed these facts: out of several thousand soldiers, two were in the hospital with pneumonia and were well on the way to recovery; there had been no pneumonia deaths; out of normal expectation, based on civilian averages, of five per cent on the sick list, less than two per cent were sick; most of the soldiers in camp stated that they were healthier than before they came to camp.

Another interesting finding was that a large portion of the soldiers who were in the hospital just had simple colds or other slight ailments, which, in civilian life, wouldn't have kept them from going to work. But the army doesn't take chances. Any sign of sickness means a visit to the doctor, and when he recommends a day of rest it means a day in the hospital. So a large proportion of hospitalized soldiers are the ones who, in business life, would be going to work with the "sniffles."

## DOES THIS INCLUDE WILKES

(Winston-Salem Journal)

Governor Broughton told the teachers attending the annual meeting of the North Carolina Education Association in Asheville that he would not tolerate politics in the state school system.

That statement is entitled to the applause of Tar Heels both within and without the school system. As the Governor suggested, politics has its place in the life of community, commonwealth and nation. But that place is not within institutions dedicated to the educational training and development of the state's boys and girls. Whenever it comes in, usually the children suffer in one way or another.

They must suffer through the selection of teachers on a political basis rather than that of merit. They may suffer through the location of schools, through the adoption of policies which are more closely related to political expediencies than to educational needs, and so forth. There are many ways in which active political influences can do grave injury to the schools if allowed to prevail.

Governor Broughton's assurance in this respect takes on also the nature of a warning to those who would attempt to use the schools for petty political purposes. The schools on the whole have been reasonably free from politics heretofore, but in some localities, teachers, according to reports, have not always found themselves completely free of political influence and interference, and petty politicians have in other ways endeavored to project themselves into school affairs. The best interests of democracy in the state demands that such influence and interference be eliminated from educational circles.

At an "I Am An American" breakfast in the far west, speeches were limited to one minute apiece. It is progress, all right—but is it American?—Charlotte News.

Pennsylvania politics are understood better when one remembers that 62 per cent of the nation's pretzels are produced there.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Menfolks shouldn't laugh at Easter bonnets that tie under the chin to keep them from blowing away. Dp they remember those straw hats they themselves used to wear with cords with which they were anchored to coat lapels?—Christian Science Monitor.

# Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

## PRACTICING ON S. C.

With all the war business going on for the past year and a half, we have thought it would be a good idea for the United States army to practice on somebody and we thought South Carolina would afford a good work-out.

We never made public that idea but somebody with smartness and acumen has planned just that thing—when Fort Bragg and Fort Jackson, the latter being in South Carolina, have war games.

Before going further let us recount an instance in the recent alien registration. One fellow registered somewhere in North Carolina and on his blank said he was born in South Carolina.

If we get along well enough against South Carolina we ought to take on a tougher opponent and blurt Tennessee. Ever since last fall we have had it in for South Carolina and Tennessee. Reasons for that comes from two football scores. Clemson walloped Wake Forest and then Tennessee beat Duke. We're again them than alien paces.

Just in case we get along in blitzing Tennessee we might take on Southern California. That is a place we haven't had any use for since January 1, 1939.

Every week somebody sends us a copy of the "Our Dumb Animals" magazine.

## HEARD IN BERLIN

Two industrial workmen conversing on the streets in Berlin brought up the subject of wages. Sometime one of them had heard of the "dollar-a-year" men employed by the United States government in the defense program. One of them said: "We had heard that workmen in the United States were highly paid but I heard the other day that some of the leaders over there were paid only a dollar a year. Why, we make more than that."

Incidentally, President Roosevelt disclosed a few days ago that all the men working for a dollar per year each were Republicans. Mainly, they are industrial leaders who volunteered their services to the country in the interest of national defense and include those who are financially able to sacrifice their time without salary.

## FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS

"Now look here, I fired three girls for revising my letters, see?" said the Boss to his new Steno.

"Yes, sir."

"All right, now take a letter and take it the way I tell you."

And the next morning Mr. O. J. Squizz of the Squizz Soap Company, received the following letter:

"Mr. O. K. or A. J. or something, look it up, Squizz, what a name. Soap Company, Detroit, that's in Michigan, isn't it? Dear Mr. Squizz, Hmmm. You're a hell of a business man. No start over. He's a crook, but I can't insult him or the hum'll sue me. The last shipment of soap you sent us was of inferior quality and I want you to understand—no, scratch that out. I want you to understand—Hmmm—unless you can ship—furnish—ship, no, furnish us with your regular soap, you needn't ship us no more period or whatever the grammar is, and pull down your skirt. This demu cigar is out again.

"Where was I? Paragraph. Your soap wasn't what you said—I should say it wasn't. Them bums tried to put over a lot of hokey on us. Whatdda you flappers want to paint yer faces up for like Indians on the warpath? We're sending back your last shipment of soap tomorrow. Sure, we're gonna send it back. I'd like to feed it to 'em with a spoon an' make 'em eat it, the dirty bums. Now read the letter over—no, don't read it over, we've wasted enough time on them crooks, fix it up and sign my name. What do you say we go out to lunch?"

## WE'RE MOST ABNORMAL

A young lad, stopped us on the street Friday (we were not hard to stop), and most kindly informed us that of all the absurdities she had ever seen we were the most abnormal. All such compliments are gratefully received. The merest hint of our existence is decidedly complimentary.

"I represent the Mountain Wool Co., ma'am. Would you be interested in some coarse yarns?"

Gosh, yes, tell me a couple."

## SPINACH

Since the outbreak of the European war, spinach seed has gone up from 11 cents to 70 cents a pound, and onion seed from 80 cents to \$4.50 a pound, with no ceiling in sight.

Research has now developed a new process by which wood, in a manner similar to industrial plastics, can be heated and then shaped to any desired form.

## News Items From Summit Vicinity

SUMMIT, April 30.—Rev. Ralph Miller, a young minister, filled his appointment at Yellow Hill Baptist church Sunday at 11 o'clock. His sermon was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd of people. His text was, "The Way."

Misses Pansy and Ruth Keys were guests in the home of their aunt, Mrs. Coy Church, Sunday.

Miss Unadel Beehars spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Muriel Mikael.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr Church and little daughter, Lorlan, spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Church.

Mr. Melvin Church and son, Lacy, visited Mr. Church's uncle, Mr. J. A. Keys, Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Lee J. Church filled his regular appointment at Bridgeport church Saturday and Sunday, April 28-27.

Mrs. Coy Church and Misses Pansy and Ruth Keys visited Mrs. Church's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keys, a short while Sunday afternoon.

Farmers in this community are preparing as rapidly as possible for planting corn. Some have already planted. Due to the flood of last August, many farms in the community were so badly torn up and left covered with debris and landfills that it has taken a lot of labor to get them in shape for cultivation.

## 45,000 Escape Trap In Greece

London.—Great Britain was estimated reliably today to have rescued at least 45,000 of 60,000 men in the British Expeditionary Force sent to Greece after suffering a loss of approximately 3,000 killed and wounded in the battle against Adolf Hitler's blitzkrieg army in the Balkans.

The figures indicated that about 15,000 men or 25 per cent of the expeditionary force had failed to get away as a result of the valiant "suicide" action fought by the British rear guard, made up largely of Australian and New Zealand troops.

Most of the loss in casualties and prisoners presumably was among the heroic rear guard which, day after day, held back the Nazi mechanized units in the mountains and passes of Greece and then fought rapid columns and parachutists across the Peloponnesus.

If the 3,000 casualties proved to be in addition to the 15,000 who failed to get away, the British losses would be almost one-third of the total men employed in the Balkan campaign.

## SHORTAGE

New Hanover County truck farmers are faced with a labor shortage because of the vast construction program going on in nearby counties, says J. P. Herring, farm agent-at-large.

REPORTS FROM NAVY CANNON EXCHANGE, 1901: SHOW CAMEL IS THE FAVORITE.

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