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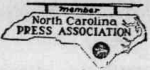
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PUSHING FORWARD

McDowell county has for many years ranked high among the other counties in North Carolina in the number of books made available to school children and the general public. In 1927 McDowell ranked sixth in the state in the number of books in rural school libraries per white child enrolled.

Expansion of library facilities in the county has not been hindered by McDowell's high ranking in the county, however. Much constructive work has been accomplished here by WPA library projects which now employ 12 people. Volumes in libraries under the WPA in the county have increased from 4,550 to 5,700 at the present time. The public libraries in Marion and Old Fort were established in 1937 and have seen considerable growth since then. Bookmobile service has been available to residents of the county for two months in the past and the attempt is being made to renew this work.

This summer, as part of the library program, reading rooms will be established in the Dysartsville and Pleasant Gardens sections. They will be open to the public.

In addition to the WPA projects library facilities in the schools have steadily advanced. Far sighted individuals are constantly pushing forward these educational opportunities for adults and children.

GOOD, AS FAR AS IT GOES

Illustrative of the progressive programs being carried out at the Marion high school is the record that has been made by the band. This organization, composed of approximately 50 students, carried away honors in the state music contest this year and was among the bands receiving one rating last year.

Bernard Hirsch, music director at the high school, has laid particular emphasis on instrumental group work. As a result ensembles in the state contest this year won several first ratings. A comparison of records of school groups in the state contest reveals that the Marion high school, although in the "B" class, has won honors over many larger schools throughout the state.

Enthusiasm in the school and the interest of civic clubs and Marion residents in the band all indicate its value to the town. But the greatest service the band renders is in making students in the school aware of the beauty of music, the opportunities it offers for self expression, for personal enjoyment, and for appreciation of perfection in the art.

Music study of this kind should not be confined to one or two schools in the county. It is an educational advantage that every pupil should have the opportunity to enjoy. Today there are too many people who say, "I wish I had studied music when I was a child."

BACKBONE OF SALES PROGRAM

Arthur L. Schaife, an advertising expert of the General Electric Company, says, "Newspaper advertising is the backbone of our whole sales program. It exceeds all other media combined and is the only growing medium."

Mr. Schaife says that last year his company stepped up advertising fifteen per cent and gained twenty-two per cent in business. This year, in the effort to educate retailers to be better businessmen, he says, "We are seeking to help them to advertise more intelligently and more consistently."

We call attention to the conclusions of Mr. Schaife because there may be business men in McDowell county who are interested in increasing their business.

Between 1937 and 1939 the number of county homes in N. C., declined from 86 to 75.

What Do You Know?

I do not care a single wink
To hear, my friend, what you may think.
I've heard opinions till I'm sore;
Please do not give me any more.
Your syllogisms all are weak;
You slip the track when'er you speak.
Too many people "think", of late,
And not enough of them think straight.

What do you know? I wait to hear
A tale of knowledge ringing clear.
If you have anything to say
That puts a new light in the day,
That makes me feel, because of it,
The world's improved a little bit,
Then speak. I hark with eyes aglow,
If you will tell me what you know.

—Clarence E. Flynn in "Psychology."

MAKING SPEED SAFER

Not many years ago the efforts of those interested in safety on the highways were centered around regulations designed to control the speed of automobiles. Human lives could be saved, it was assumed, by compelling the drivers of automobiles to go slow enough to assure their safety.

With the tendency everywhere to increase legal speed limits as motor manufacturers present cars designed for faster speeds, the effort to promote safety has necessarily interested itself in the construction of highways designed for higher speed. Security for human beings is being attained through the process of making speed safer. Improved highways, including many devices designed to avoid accidents, have given us faster travel without a corresponding increase in fatalities.

When a citizen of McDowell county takes to the open road, even for a short journey, it is necessary to pass other cars hundreds of times with only a few feet, or a split second, standing between safety and disaster. Consequently motorists should understand thoroughly the stopping distances for various speeds.

Automobile drivers should understand that at fifty miles an hour, a collision with a stationary object is equivalent to falling off an eight-story building. They should realize that the force of impact is multiplied at higher speeds.

For example, as pointed out in the New York Times, to strike an object at twenty-five miles an hour is like falling from a height of 20.9 feet. At seventy miles an hour, which means two cars traveling in opposite directions at thirty-seven and a half miles an hour, the impact force is nine times that exerted at twenty-five miles an hour.

JUST TEN YEARS AGO

Just about ten years ago the Naval liminon conference was concluded in London, with the United States, Great Britain and Japan reaching an agreement in regards to cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

The three nations had earlier agreed, in Washington, upon a battleship ratio, the famous 5-5-3, but only after Japan had demanded and secured agreement from the United States not to fortify certain areas in the Pacific.

It is a long cry from the disarmament parleys to the year 1940, when practically every nation in the world is feverishly enlarging its military, naval and air power. The disarmament agreement did not prevent Germany from surging into a preparedness campaign, based largely upon the development of the world's largest airplane fleet.

The lesson to be learned from the failure of the disarmament agreements, as we see the matter, is that it takes more than signatures to an international pact to maintain peace. There must be good will between the nations or, where this is lacking, there must be a power somewhere to uphold law and order in the world.

ACUTE DISTRESS IN POLAND

Events in the European war zone move so fast these days that people forget some of the things that have happened and the plight of some of the unfortunate victims of Adolf Hitler's decision to wage war.

In about a week the first shipment of food for distribution to war sufferers is expected to reach Warsaw, in German-occupied Poland, where relief officials estimate that half of the population is in "sore distress." Other shipments will go across the Atlantic but the Commission for Polish Relief estimates that it will require a minimum of \$2,000,000 a month to meet the demands.

FIRST STEPS

Graduations at colleges throughout the nation will soon turn out thousands of young men and women who will be faced with the problem of getting a job. Many of these will not know which way to turn. Some, such as teachers, have prepared themselves for certain work. Of the most promising graduates coming from colleges this spring however, the greatest number will not enter the teaching profession. It has little to offer a young man or a young woman.

Four years of college work, teaching practice, constant study and supplementary college work are now the minimum requirements of all teachers in North Carolina. Yet with such background, teachers have little to look forward to in their profession. Wages are low, compared to other professions that require as much education and training. The future of teachers is very uncertain, no retirement plan being available to them and income being too low for the individual to provide for his own future and old age. And responsibility is heavy on members of the profession.

There is little reason that many of the best teachers take up other work at the first opportunity. But there are many reasons why boys and girls of North Carolina and other states should have the best teachers available. Practically no other individuals have greater opportunities to mould the character and personality of future men and women than the teachers in public schools. Theirs is the great responsibility of developing the best traits in the pupil and seeking to overcome the worst.

Because the future welfare of the public depends so much upon the teachers, the profession should be made as attractive as possible to talented young men and women. Provisions for adequate wages and a suitable retirement plan are the first steps in a program that will pay dividends in better citizenship and character.

Happiness is largely a state of mind, of will, and determination. The proof of it is that there are many people with whom life is really a hardship who are happy and who live triumphant lives. On the other hand there are just as many who live miserable lives in the midst of comfort. Instead of appreciating what they have and finding their happiness in it they forget the blessings that they do have and moan and grieve for trivial things that they do not have. They make themselves miserable and everyone about them with their whining and their dissatisfaction. If they can't find something in their surroundings about which to complain they will borrow trouble by fretting about what might happen, tonight, tomorrow, or next year.

In 1936, 1,231 children under 16 years of age were jailed in North Carolina. The number dropped to 784 in 1938.

William Bready, who celebrated his 100th birthday in Leicestershire, England, has five children who are old-age pensioners.

Evening hours are reading hours
THE ASHEVILLE TIMES
"GETS THERE FIRST"
Both AP and UP News Service
Delivered to Your Door
J. G. PRICE, Representative
Phone 268-Y

DEFENSE

Senator Thomas, of Oklahoma, who is chairman of a Senate appropriation committee which handles all allotments of funds for our military establishment, told the country these uncomfortable — these incredible — facts in an exclusive interview with a Washington representative of the Hearst papers.

"We have practically no anti-aircraft guns. With other members of the Senate Military Committee last winter I traveled 10,000 miles inspecting more than 100 Army stations and we saw only four anti-aircraft guns.

"Those four we saw at Los Angeles. These guns probably would do good work provided they spotted enemy planes overhead, but I am satisfied that a lot must be done to coordinate the Signal Corps with the operators of the anti-aircraft guns.

"Only at Puerto Rico did we see one of the machines for detecting the approach of airplanes from a distance."

We have 130,000,000 persons and thousands of miles of coast to defend — and only four anti-aircraft guns!

Of airplane detectors we have, according to Senator Thomas, only one — at Puerto Rico!

Why are we undefended from the air in these threatening days? Here is the answer (the figures are those of the Commerce Department):

In the first quarter of this year we exported to Europe \$66,816,208 worth of airplanes.

This was an increase of 225 per cent over exports in the first quarter of 1939.

That is effect and cause, to reverse the usual procedure.

We are stripped of airplanes, and anti-aircraft guns and enemy airplane detectors — because Europe is getting them.

If we are ever suddenly threatened from the air we shall be in the same stripped-naked, vulnerable condition we were in 1917, when we went to war like babes to a slaughter. — Baltimore News-Post.

TO OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY AT DYSARTSVILLE

The annual memorial services for the Baptist and Methodist churches of Dysartsville will be held Sunday, May 19. Special music will be rendered, and Mr. S. A. McDuffie, principal of the Old Fort high school, will deliver an address on "The Christian's Philosophy of Life" at the Baptist church at 10:30 a. m. Dinner will be served on the ground. In the afternoon a program will be given at the Methodist church. Everybody is invited.

Amnesia (loss of memory) is caused by a mounting tendency of the mind to shut out disagreeable realities, or by mental shock resulting from physical injury.

EVERYBODY HELPS — BALANCE THE BUDGET
During the Rexall Family Budget Sale!

OUR LOW PRICES MAKE BUDGETS EASY TO BALANCE

McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store

Everybody in the family helps to balance the budget during this sale because the Rexall Store gives you bargains for everyone. They are reasonable items, too! All guaranteed.

MEN - Start Your Day Off Right

With this combination that morning shave becomes as pleasant as your first cup of coffee.

tube **LAVENDER SHAVING CREAM**
and pkg. **KLENZO SUPER-THIN BLADES 35c**

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Fountain Pen Sets— \$1.75 to \$19.75

ZIPPER BAGS 98c to \$2.95

ZIPPER SETS \$1.95 to \$7.95

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A favorite when quick acting laxative is needed.

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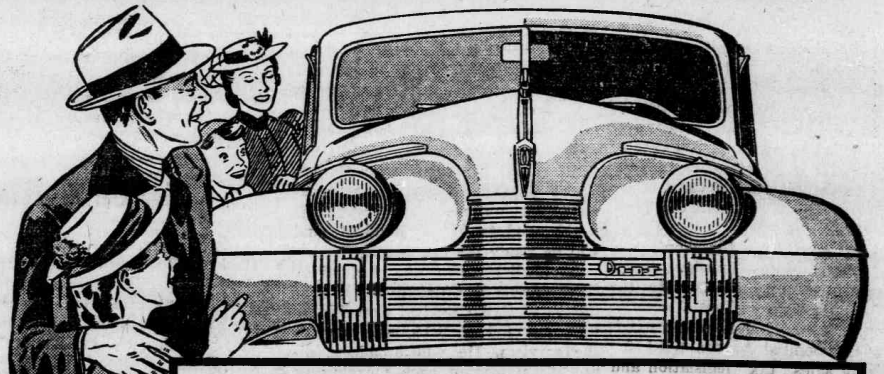
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Just the thing to start your skin off with proper summer care. Soft, delightful, fragrant. May be had plain or with phenol.

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"I COMPARED OLDS WITH CARS COSTING LESS— FOUND I COULD GET NOT ONLY MORE SAFETY, BUT MORE SIZE, STYLE AND COMFORT IN OLDS — AND AT VERY LITTLE DIFFERENCE IN PRICE!"

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