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Need For More Schooling

If the need for greater educational facilities was ever presented, it is presented now in the call for workers in the defense centers. In the face of the great need that presents itself just now, this State and other states, too, would do well to add an extra month of schooling and provide special courses during the vacation months. A twelfth grade is in order.

But in adding those facilities we would do well to call for a more serious effort upon the part of the youth and parent. Possibly the modern-day youth is brighter and smarter than even those of a generation ago. But there is unmistakable evidence offered in bold relief day after day to indicate that the youth is not taking full advantage of the opportunities made available to him.

Facts coming from the draft board examining physicians throughout the land are disconcerting and prove that the wild sports program has failed to produce able specimens of manhood. It is also apparent that a five-day sports program in the school will interrupt the real aim of the educational system as it is presented to the law-makers and to the taxpayers.

No matter how keen the modern youth's mind may be, he cannot take full advantages of the current school facilities if he frequents the pictures, participates in the sports program, and scouts here and yonder during five days of the week, relegating to the background the monotonous but highly useful struggle with the basic facts as offered and found in the textbooks.

It would appear that we are heading into a top-heavy educational system, one that offers instruction in every field even to changing the baby's pants, but one that is not striking the subject as a business deserving of serious thought and the application of honest-to-goodness effort.

If the public purse is to be taxed for financing the apprentice, then it is only fair that the apprentice apply himself to the task at hand.

The legislators in Raleigh in this period of uncertainty can make history for themselves by providing a longer school term and adding a grade. But they will have failed to accomplish much if they do not urge the youths to awaken to the cold facts now staring them in the face and demand that they prepare themselves to face those facts. If the modern youth is to squander the opportunities offered by a longer term and an added grade, he will be better off if these facilities are not made available to him. Basically, however, these facilities are needed and their creation just now is indeed timely.

Deserves More Recognition

Possibly the most serious problem facing this nation outside the realm of defense is that offered by agriculture. It is admitted that the present administration in Washington is sympathetic to the cause of the farmer, but the facts are that every penny has been raised for industry and labor in the defense movement, leaving little or nothing for agriculture. And unless something happens bordering on the miraculous, agriculture, certainly as it relates to tobacco and cotton, will experience some akin to disaster. There is one hope for the situation and that hope will have to come from the government. It must guarantee agriculture a fair place in the nation's economy just as it has guaranteed industry cost plus and labor high wages.

In the light of announced profits by ten "war-babies," agriculture is deserving of more recognition than it is likely to receive at marketing time a few months hence. To get a clearer picture of the situation one may turn to Anacosta Copper, a concern whose earnings in 1940 were about 11 million dollars greater than they were in 1939. Bethlehem Steel almost increased in earnings three fold. Republic Steel reported earnings almost four times as great as they were in 1939. United States Steel earnings jumped from \$12,390,000 in 1939 to \$69,418,000 in 1940. Those earnings may be or may not be legitimate, but in comparison with the position industry holds, agriculture is now facing the lot of a red-headed stepchild. Exports of cotton and tobacco are almost a thing of

the past, and increased domestic demand will not solve the problem. Increased buying power will have its effect in the meat industry and will possibly relieve the situation for stock raisers, but that still leaves the cotton and tobacco farmer with his problem.

In North Carolina's capital, agriculture is pleading for added funds that research might be advanced in the hope of adjusting farm methods to new conditions. The legislators there are still asleep, for they do not see the handwriting on the wall. The trend is to increase big salaries, give greater powers to the already too-powerful agencies and make more secure the position of increasing numbers of State employees. Salary increases may be in order, and it is all right to give assurance to the public servant, but agriculture as it faces its greatest crisis is virtually ignored.

This State and this Nation will do well to awaken to the cold facts and give agriculture the recognition it deserves and deserves now even if appropriations in other fields of endeavor have to be curtailed.

Ford's Strike

Labor strikes have been widely publicized throughout the land. Some of the strikes should never have been called, no doubt, but reliable reports clearly state that the labor strike is not the chief bottleneck in the nation's defense program. The maneuverers of one aluminum company apparently have had more to do with slowing down the defense program as all the strikes combined. But as long as industrial leaders halt progress the general press does not trouble itself to spread it on the printed page as sensational news.

Now, Mr. Henry Ford comes along with a strike of his own, a strike that will really affect the defense program. He merely states that he will take no defense order unless he is allowed to deal with labor as he sees fit. If Mr. Ford is as good to labor as he says he is then why should he hesitate to work under a contract embodying requirements below his announced salary schedules and provisions? There is something about his policy the layman is unable to understand.

Mr. Ford's refusal of a defense contract is quite similar to a sit-down strike. The laborer says he will not work and will not let others work. Mr. Ford says unless the government bows humbly to his request he will not act even in the defense of his country, knowing full well that his refusal will delay the defense program.

Mr. Ford has done a great deal of talking about his own labor policies, but apparently he is afraid to match them with those of the government even in the hour of the country's greatest need.

This Mysterious War

Obscure things are happening in the European war arena these days. While the general trend is toward a complete collapse in the social and possibly in the economic world, is it possible that a single aim is being advanced by Hitler? Could it be that while the rest of the world talks about an attempted crossing of the English Channel, Hitler with the aid of Italian manpower is conquering Italy and the Balkans? Is it possible that while Italian soldiers fight to conquer Italy for Hitler that the British are fighting to conquer Italian colonies in Africa?

It is really a mysterious war, one not knowing whether Hitler will march east today, west tomorrow, south next week or north next month. One thing is fairly certain, however, and that is everyone in every direction will do well to prepare to meet him.

Church Attendance

Morganton News-Herald.

Pertinent to the movement now taking shape, for a Church Loyalty Month in Morganton, is an article by Roger William Riis in the January Issue of The American Mercury, under the title "Why I Go To Church."

On a sudden whim, six months ago, Mr. Riis entered a church, and thereupon started a survey of churches in general. Though he had scoffed at church attendance and had been one of those who say, "I'd rather go into the woods and worship alone," and claim that Sunday is their "day for loafing," he now states, "I am for the churches."

The church of today, he finds, "have something for civilization." After visiting Methodist, Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist, Jewish, Congregational, and other churches; he observes that church attendance is bigger than the skeptics think it is and, since last spring, has shown definite signs of increasing. Significantly, he adds:

It is not without meaning that the nations, where the churches flourish are the democracies where the spirit of man is free. We cannot defeat the destructive dynamics of Nazism or Communism unless we employ the constructive dynamics of the spirit.

In regard to church attendance, Mr. Riis declares: "What I have liked most about going to church is that it turns one's attention, willy-nilly, to higher things for at least a little while each week. That feels, to me, as though it were good for me."

This moves the Christian Science Monitor to observe that "Millions of other persons, too, it would appear, feel that it is good for them. There are even indications that men and women are feeling a need to extend that good beyond 'a little while each week.' For many, divine service has come to mean daily deeds as well as public worship."

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Septuagesima Sunday.
Church School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.
Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

SILOAM METHODIST

Services will be held at Siloam Methodist Church Sunday at three o'clock, with Rev. M. R. Gardner, of Roper, pastor, assisted by Rev. B. T. Hurley, in charge. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Piney Grove Baptist

Regular services will be held at the Piney Grove Baptist Church Saturday and Sunday at 11 o'clock. It is hoped that all members will attend these services and the public is invited.

PRESBYTERIAN

Regular services will be held at all points in the county on Sunday.

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Sub-Young People's meeting, 6:30 p. m. Subject, "The Glory of the Cross."

Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "The Steadfast Face."
Junior Choir meets Monday at 7:15 and Senior Choir at 8:00.
Mid-week service Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Third Chapter of Acts.

The annual Ministers' Retreat will convene at Bay View next Tuesday through Thursday. This religious clinic proves its great worth to those attending through its facing of the real problems that face the modern church in a changing order. Many of the ministers of the state will be in attendance. Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the local church, plans to attend.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
B. T. U., 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

A call to worship: "Ye shall keep My Sabbaths, and reverence My sanctuary; I am the Lord thy God." Leviticus 26:2. "If ye walk in My statutes, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit." Lev. 26:3-4.

The sermon for the morning hour will be from the sixth chapter of Isaiah and the one for the evening hour will be from Mark 7:31-37.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE

North Carolina, Martin County, In The Superior Court.

County of Martin vs. Tom Perry and Others.
Under and by virtue of an order of resale made by L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, on the 27th day of January, 1941, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 13th day of February, 1941, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in Martin County, offer for re-sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tracts or parcels of land, to wit:

A. Beginning at a Sweet Gum, Nathan Mizell's corner in Daucey's line, running thence along said Mizell's line to Samuel Whitley's line, thence along Whitley's line to the run of Smithwick Creek, thence down the various courses of said creek to Eason's corner, thence along and with Eason's line to Roanoke River, thence down said river to Tatling Gut, thence along said gut to Hawtree Landing, Daucey's line, thence along said Daucey's line to the beginning, containing 340 acres, more or less.

The above property was conveyed to L. H. Perry from Emma V. Stallings by deed recorded in Book 000 at page 418 and by deed from J. H. Mizell et ux to L. H. Perry recorded in Book 555, page 78. Better description may be had by reference to Book NN at page 288 and 9.

B. Second Tract: It being the tract of land commonly known as Charity Reddick land and which descended to G. L. Whitley and S. W. Ewell from their mother, Marina Whitley, it is bounded on the North by Leggett land or Sweeten Water Creek, on the East by Stallings and Ridges land, and on the West by the old Noah Reddick land, and on the South by Monett and Eli Robinson land, containing 297 acres, more or less.

The above property was conveyed to L. H. Perry by N. T. Harris et ux by deed recorded in Book L-1, at page 158.

C. Third Tract: Beginning at a smash Ash on the edge of Roanoke River, thence up the river to the mouth of Sweeten Water Creek, thence up the run of said creek to Jas. B. Ridges' corner, thence a straight line to the beginning, containing 25 acres, more or less.

This the 27th day of January, 1941.

ELBERT S. PEEL,
Commissioner.

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"Go Forward"

By REV. JOHN HARDY
Church Of The Advent

We Americans look out today upon a world that is filled with darkness and disaster. We see the liberties of free peoples taken from them. We see governments fall at the hand of the dictators. We see unrest, tragedy, and destruction. We know that all these are the results of irreligion and paganism; that God has been left entirely out of man's thinking and planning.

If we are true to our Christian and American heritage, this present situation must create in us that "divine discontent" which makes us unwilling to let things go on as they are, which creates in us a tremendous desire to go forward, to change the course of human events from the direction it is now flowing.

It is not too late to bring about this change in the current of world affairs. The days are dark and evil but it was under similar discouraging conditions two thousand years

ago that Christ came into the world and changed the course of events. Looking back through history, we find that God chooses just such times as these to raise up individuals or groups to redeem the times.

Speak unto the children of Israel, that they "go forward," our Lord told Moses at a critical moment. "Go forward" is always the reply we get from God in moments of perplexity and discouragement.

Man's extremity is God's opportunity. Should we not then expect Him at such a time as this to issue a call to His people to cooperate with Him in a great redemptive effort? If, as is usually the case in times of crises, God selects some particular portion of His people to render this service, have we not reason to believe that His choice has fallen upon us Christians of America? Not because of our superior merit but because we are practically the only considerable body of Christians in the world today whose hands are untied.

If we interpret the signs of the times correctly therefore, we cannot but conclude that God is calling us for sacrificial service in a demoralized world. Our first response must be an absolute dedication of ourselves to Him. Loyalty to God must

be our first loyalty in the new order. Responsibility for using ourselves and our resources in accordance with His will must take precedence of all other interests. We must face the world with the conviction that there is no other name by which the world can be saved, but His name. We must feel in our hearts a burning passion to save the whole world. Christianity feels a responsibility for all men, no matter what their race or where they live. We can point the human race once more in the direction of righteousness, love and justice. We can bring the currents of life into harmony with God's purpose. This task will require endless effort, serious sacrifice, daring devotion.

The call from God is to save ourselves, our children, our homes, our community, our nation, and the world from utter destruction which lies ahead unless God reigns. But we need not be afraid, for ultimate victory will be ours if we "go forward" with God.

Granville County farmers are beginning to have their timber scaled before they sell, thus getting away from the old practice of selling it by the lump, says Assistant Farm Agent W. B. Jones.

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