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Something Wrong Somewhere

Martin County during the past two decades has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars for the education of its youth. To make its work more effective, the educational program was supported by a law requiring the attendance of all children up to a certain age upon the schools.

A few days ago, 135 young men in Martin County registered for possible service in the Nation's armed forces. Twenty-one of that group could not write their names and quite a few others scratched their signatures with great difficulty.

"Have we over-rated our educational system? Has the compulsory attendance law been ignored? There's something wrong somewhere, and it is possible that we have been boasting too much about theoretical progress and ignoring the practical results.

We deal with education a bit like we deal with other things. We proudly boast about our accomplishments in the several fields and never mention the things yet unaccomplished. It is all right to say that the number of telephones has been increased from one million in 1900 to nearly twenty million in forty years, but it would be just as fitting to say that the service, controlled and manipulated by strong monopolies for the most part, is still out of the reach of millions. It is encouraging to learn that the number of hospital beds has been increased by 176 per cent during the past thirty years, but in boasting about that record don't let us forget that millions, for one reason or another, have to turn to the patent medicine bottle for what little relief from human suffering they can afford, and that even at death many hundreds of thousands of unfortunate beings are without the services of an attending physician.

We point, and with a certain degree of justified pride, to our standard of living, but read what United States Surgeon General Thomas Parran said a few months ago, "... every survey of nutrition shows that malnutrition in this country is widespread and serious. For example, studies by the Department of Agriculture show that forty per cent of the people are not getting a diet adequate in amount and kind."

From our vantage points we see and talk only about the good things, and overlook the saddening facts as they are found in the valleys and by-paths.

The Nation's Health

The Nation's Health is interestingly summed up by the Committee on National Health Defense in a report released not so long ago, as follows:

- The gross sickness and death rates of the poor of our large cities are as high today as they were fifty years ago.
- Fifty million Americans are in families that have less than \$1000 a year income. Sickness and death rates increase as incomes go down.
- For the ten most deadly diseases, the death rate is nearly twice as high among unskilled workers as among professionals. For seven of these, the death rate goes up steadily as income drops.
- Lack of facilities for maternal care was reported by 40 out of 49 health officers of states and territories. In some counties, the death rate among women in childbirth is more than 200 for each 10,000 children born. In 1936, nearly one-quarter of a million mothers did not have a doctors' care during childbirth. Two-thirds of the mothers, and at least half of the babies who die could be saved with proper care.
- Seventeen million people in 1,338 counties, or over 40 per cent of the counties in the United States, do not have a single general hospital to take care of them.
- Thirty per cent of those on relief had no doctor's care, although seriously sick.
- One-third of the thirty-five million children under 15 years of age in the United States are in families that can afford little, if any, medical care. In 84 cities, 28 per cent of the children did not have either doctor's or hospital care, although they were sick for seven or more days. Two-thirds of the rural sections of America have no child health centers

or clinics.

8. Each year, seventy million sick persons lose more than one billion days from work.

9. Industrial workers die at least eight years sooner than non-industrial workers.

10. The death rate from tuberculosis is seven times higher for unskilled workers than for professionals. Tuberculosis wreaks its greatest havoc among the Negroes, the rate being much higher for them than for the whole population. Deaths from tuberculosis could be cut at least 50 per cent.

11. In 27 iron and steel towns the death rate from pneumonia is two-thirds greater than for the entire country.

12. Over one million workers are exposed to the hazards of silicosis.

13. At least 62 per cent of the workers do not have proper health protection on their jobs.

14. Seventy-five in every thousand are infected with syphilis, among adults past the age of 35 years. Only 16 per cent of these receive adequate treatment. In two-thirds of a group of 89 small cities, surveyed in 1936 there were either no clinics, or no proper treatment for venereal diseases.

15. Malaria still remains a leading cause of death in sections of the South. Pellagra, the menacing disease of starvation, is a common scourge in the South, especially among the poverty-stricken Negroes.

16. Forty-four states have no pneumoconiosis control programs.

17. Inadequate treatment for cancer costs 30,000 lives every year.

Stalin's Purge Parity Justified

Joe Stalin, Russian premier, may never be forgiven by the humanitarian, but recent developments justify, partly at least, his purge of his army generals. France kept her German-weaned stooges in the army and in government, and today France is fighting her former ally. Stalin saw what was happening to France back yonder when the world was condemning him for ridding his army of men who would turn against their country.

Russia may suffer for lack of able leaders in its army today, but the developments of the first two weeks in the Russo-German war would seem to indicate that Russia is no worse off under loyal if less able leaders than she would have been under the German-educated leaders Stalin shot before they had an opportunity to betray their own people. German politicians, working these past ten or more years to build up a fifth column in Russia, had their plans thwarted, and any gain Hitler makes in his drive on Russia will be had at a great price.

While Stalin may have tried to appease Germany on about the same pattern the United States is now trying to appease Japan with big oil shipments, it is fairly apparent that he was working night and day to fight Germany. Stalin fortified his borders and created buffer areas between Russia and Germany. He located his industries inland. He mechanized Ukrainian agriculture so as to make any conqueror consume millions upon millions of gallons of oil to keep it in production and limit the oil for military purposes. He located his granaries in five different sections. He had him a fifth column of his own, and Germany did not learn of its existence until after the Quislings had been shot and German influence virtually wiped out in Russia.

While America slept at the switch and tried to trade with Germany after Munich, old Stalin, the heathen, was looking ahead and working to protect his country and his people.

Are You A Part Time Citizen?

By Ruth Taylor.

Being a citizen in a democracy is a full time job. In other forms of government, the citizenry make up the background, appearing only in mob scenes to cheer on the rulers of the nation.

But there is no room for part time citizens in our form of government. Our government is us—what we make it. Ours is the fault if the wheels of government do not run smoothly, for the laws we made are the roadbed, and the men we elected are the machine.

Are you a part-time citizen? Do you fulfill all your duties as a voter—or do you just show up at election time to cast your vote without due consideration of the full qualifications, record and principles of all candidates?

Are you a part time citizen? Do you obey the laws you have had a hand in making or is your only thought when you break what seems like an inconsequential little law that, if you get away with it, it's all right?

Are you a part time citizen? Do you evince interest in all issues or only in those problems which directly concern you—and then object when other groups do the same and infringe on your prerogatives? Only as citizens work for the common good of all can democracy progress.

Are you a part time citizen? Do you lend an ear to alien subversive elements who tell you how much better conditions are or would be for you were there a different form of government? Do you thoughtlessly pass on these tales without checking on their accuracy or considering their source?

Are you a part time citizen? Do you stand up for democracy or do you condemn its mistakes without consideration for the good it has to offer? Do you stress only its shortcomings and never its long range program which slowly but surely and in spite of stumblings, discriminations and detours is making this country of ours the best in which we live?

Now as never before the United States needs the full time allegiance of all its people. Don't be a part time citizen.

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS



Loses Her Baby



Mrs. Grace Coulter, 26, weeps bitterly in a Chicago court, as the bids her daughter, Esther, 6, goodbye. The court ordered the child remain in custody of Clyde O. McAllister, of Webster Grove, Ill. Mrs. Coulter's brother, who legally adopted the child in 1934 when the Coulter family was in financial difficulties.

HINTS FOR HOMEMAKERS

By Mary Brown Allgood, Home Service Director, Virginia Electric And Power Company

June is a month of parties for two particular reasons. We have graduates and brides and both must be entertained at bridge, showers, picnics, etc.

Try this for an afternoon bridge.

- Frozen Banana Salad**
 Crisp crackers or assorted sandwiches
 Iced Tea or Coffee
- Frozen Banana Salad**
 2 three ounce cakes cream cheese
 1 tsp salt
 1-2 cup mayonnaise
 Juice 1 lemon
 1 cup whipping cream
 1-2 cup crushed pineapple
 2 bananas
 1-2 cup walnut meats
 1-2 cup Maraschino cherries (if desired).

Mix cheese with salt, mayonnaise and lemon juice. Add pineapple, sliced bananas, nut meats and cherries. Fold in whipped cream. Pour in freezing tray. Turn control to coldest point. Serve in slices on crisp lettuce. Plate may be garnished with fresh fruit.

- Pineapple Dessert**
 May be made a day or two in advance. A delicious dessert for a meal or served as a party refreshment.
- 1-2 lb. vanilla wafers
 - 3 eggs
 - 1-2 cup pineapple juice
 - 1-2 cup butter
 - 1-2 package lemon jello
 - 1-2 pt whipping cream
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1-2 cup hot water
 - 1-2 tsp vanilla.

Roll wafers—use 1-2 to line bottom of pan about 4" x 6". Cream butter, add sugar, add eggs one at a time. Beat until very smooth. Pour over rolled wafers in pan. Let stand until firm. Dissolve jello in hot water, add pineapple juice and small pieces of pineapple, if desired. When mixture begins to congeal, fold in whipped cream. Spread over first mixture, sprinkle with remaining rolled wafers. Chill for several hours. Cut in blocks. Will serve 9 to 12 persons.

- Supper Platter**
 1 1-2 cups canned grapefruit juice
 1 package lemon gelatin
 1 can cranberry sauce
 1 lb. can seedless grapes
- Heat grapefruit juice, add lemon gelatin and stir until dissolved. Add syrup from grapes. Chill until it begins to congeal and then add grapes and cubed cranberry sauce. Pour in round mold or mixing bowl. Chill. Unmold on large platter. Arrange shredded or broken lettuce around sides. Arrange broken tuna on lettuce. At ends of platter arrange slices of tongue, ham and cheese. Garnish with ripe olives. May be served with mayonnaise or French dressing. A complete meal when served with hot biscuits and tea. Will serve 6 to 8 persons.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
 North Carolina, Martin County.
 Having qualified as the executor of the estate of George Williams, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned within one year from the completion of this publication of notice or same will be pleaded in bar to any recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate

Boll Weevil Menace Has Become Reality

Cotton Enemy No. 1, the boll weevil, has begun its invasion of North Carolina farms, and J. O. Rowell, extension entomologist of N. C. State College, says the time has arrived for farmers to counter-attack. County farm agents are mobilizing forces to fight the insect pest.

"The first maneuver," Rowell says, "is the application of 1-1-1 poison treatments when weevils are found in fields during the pre-square period at the rate of 30 or more per acre. That means, about one weevil to 500 plants.

"Pre-square treatments should be started just as squares begin to form," the entomologist stated. "This is usually when the plants are 5 to 6 inches high, and before the squares are large enough for the weevils to puncture."

"But don't stop with this attack," Rowell continued, "because a war isn't won with a single battle. Pre-square poisoning alone will not satisfactorily control boll weevils, as many weevils reach the fields after the pre-square poisoning period has passed."

The extension specialist recommends post-square treatments, in the form of calcium-arsenate dusting. This type of poisoning should be started when 10 per cent of the developing squares show boll weevil egg punctures.

Complete information on boll weevil control methods is contained in Extension Folder No. 45, which is available free upon request to the Agricultural Editor, N. C. State College, Raleigh. The 1-1-1 treatment is made with a mixture of one pound of calcium arsenate, one gallon of cheap molasses, and one gallon of water. It is applied with a hand mop or with a machine.

will please make immediate settlement.

This 27th day of June, 1941.

RUSSELL WILLIAMS,
 Executor of the estate of
 J. E. Williams, deceased

NOTICE OF SALE
 Under and by virtue of the authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book H-3, at page 227, said Deed of Trust having been given to secure a certain note of even date and tenor therewith, and the stipulations therein contained not having been complied with, at the request of the parties interested, the undersigned Trustee will, on Monday, the 28th day of July, 1941, at 12:00 o'clock M., in front of the Court House door in the Town of Williamston, N. C.,

offer for sale at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate:
 LOT NO. 1: Being Lot No. 16 in the Moore Field, adjoining Amy Purvis on the West fronting N. Street 78.8 and running back to two parallel lines S. 41-45 feet east to the depth of 130 feet. Being same land purchased from Williamston Land and Improvement Company by George and Jane Rice. Recorded in Book E-1, page 112.
 LOT NO. 2: Beginning 73 feet from Broad Street at corner of Lot No. 1 in Block B in the Moore Field plot, thence Eastwardly along the line of lots 1 and 2 about 130 feet to Lot No. 4; thence Southerly along Lot No. 4 to Jane Rice's back corner; thence along Jane Rice's corner about 130 feet to a Street; thence along said Street to the beginning, being same land purchased of H. M. Burras by George and Jane Rice.
 LOT NO. 3: Beginning at the cor-

ner of Pine and North Streets in the Williamston Land and Improvement Company, Moore Field, running North 42° East 72.8 feet to Augustus Purvis corner; thence along his line South 41° 3-4' West along Pine Street to the beginning and being Lot No. 19. Being same land purchased from Williamston Land and Improvement Company on the 24th day of October, 1940, recorded in Book MMM, page 225.
 This the 26th day of June, 1941.
 B. A. CRITCHER,
 Trustee.

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