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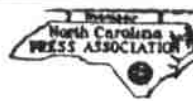
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Our Schools

We are sure that every Haywood county citizen who read the story in last issue of The Mountaineer in which it was stated that only ten schools in the county system were on the accredited list felt a great urge to see that these conditions which lower our standard are remedied—and as quickly as possible.

With the advisory budget commission working on the needs of the state in the way of appropriations, and the coming session of the General Assembly, it is pertinent that all these facts be compiled at this time and brought to the attention of those in authority.

We are told that the minimum standards for accredited high schools and accredited elementary schools in North Carolina are very low in comparison with a number of other states.

It is also regrettable that we have plenty of company in the state, for it is said that less than two-thirds of the white public schools and less than one-eighth of the Negro schools meet these low accredited standards.

This is a matter both for the state and the counties to work out, but it is certainly the responsibility of the state to lead the way.

We have spent billions on destruction during the past few years, it is high time now that not only North Carolina, but other states look to their own borders and patch their broken fences and study conditions on the home fronts. They have suffered materially during the period when our concentration and efforts have been on other things. Also we must bear in mind that we have a large new crop of students coming on—who should have the best we have to offer.

For a good many years we forged ahead in education in North Carolina, for we had a long way to go to catch up with other states. Then we seemed to have stopped our efforts and let things remain at a standstill. It is time now to get going again and see that our schools are up to the standard. We know of no finer way to fight delinquency and prison enrollments—than through better educational advantages.

Reorganized

We congratulate the Schoolmasters Club on the reorganization of their group. The object of their meetings will vitally touch the needs of our schools and through their discussions of problems each member can gain help to carry on his work.

At the time the meetings were discontinued there was nothing else to do, for we were all submerged in one mighty effort which for the time had priority over all other things. Now we start back to rebuild.

Two Are Enough

In reading of the second election held in the British zones of occupation in Germany we found out that there are eight parties with separate tickets, and 17,000,000 to cast votes.

In this country two main parties give us enough headaches, so what it must be to have eight, is past understanding. The more we learn of other countries the more we think of our own. We have plenty of turmoil, but we still have some definite and stable standards which are gradually being recognized by the rest of the world as something to pattern. This recognition also carries with it, however, a keen responsibility, for it automatically puts in front as one of the leaders.

Dr. Greer Cites Needs

"Children should be given a break at birth with better health facilities and with better parents who are really consecrated to the care of their children," said Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina at Thomasville, in a talk before a welfare group last week in Raleigh.

Dr. Greer declared that children had the right to have good parents. Too many children are shackled and bound by birth because of inadequate parenthood. He stressed the fact that if children are going to be good citizens it is imperative that they be given a fair chance from birth.

If anyone in the state is qualified to diagnose the needs along this line, it is Dr. Greer, for dealing with hundreds of children as he does in his work, and turning out potential citizens of the highest order from groups who might not have had a fair chance, he is conscious of this great need in our state.

The Last Lap

We read that this country is getting ready to enjoy one last spree, when the last squeeze will be made by various groups who have been insatiable in their demands.

Meat is coming back. The final fling will take place as the price controls crack or are removed.

We are told that beef will be plentiful soon and that pork chops will be seen in our meat counters in larger quantities along about December, but not until next fall will there be great abundance.

It is said that clothing will begin to pour out once price controls are lifted. Household equipment is not so far behind. Goods are on their way to be "right."

We are nearing the end of a cycle, it seems, time alone can tell what the next will be, but we are inclined to be optimistic, and feel that we are approaching a more normal condition.

For the world at large we are not so cheerful, for peace treaties seem to be slowly moving. While we feel that Mr. Byrnes did his best for us, his work was not completed. Russia is still "apart."

165 Years Since Yorktown

The anniversary of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va., on October 19, 1781, reminds the people of the United States that this momentous event occurred only one hundred and sixty-five years ago and that the United States, as a nation, is something of an adolescent in the family of nations.

The combination of land forces, under General Washington and the French La Fayette, assisted by French fleets in the Bay of Yorktown, was more than the British Commander could counteract. Eventually, some 7,247 English and Hessian soldiers laid down their arms and subsequently, the surrender was celebrated in many sections of the colonies and later of the nation.

It should be borne in mind by Americans of today that the war against the colonies was not an enthusiastic belligerency on the part of the British people. The colonies were not without their advocates in the British Isles and it might as well be said that the British Crown was not without its adherents in the colonies.

After the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, it was somewhat taken for granted that the cause of independence had been successfully asserted. Thereafter, the colonies began the business of organizing a workable government, under a framework of legal machinery that would forever preserve the rights of free men. The conception of liberty and freedom, as it exists in the United States today, is a considerable advance over the ideals in the minds of the colonists and revolutionists.

The Federal Government now owns about two thousand acres in and around Yorktown, known as the Colonial National Monument. Special celebrations have been staged in connection with the surrender and that on the 150th anniversary, in 1931, was marked by the presence of a descendant of the British General who surrendered. In unveiling a bust of his ancestor, he said, "I feel that it would be as agreeable to him as it is delightful to me that a member of the family can be here today. War is behind, peace is in the future, let us hope, forevermore."

This sentiment can be well recognized by the peoples of the English-speaking nations. There exists in this country a number of citizens who delight in twisting the British lion's tail and there, likewise, exists in the British Islands some individuals who take delight in pulling the feathers of the American eagle. Neither group represents the fundamental feelings of the peoples of the nations and their friendship and solidarity has been cemented by joint participation in the two great world-wide wars.

The chief problem of a dictator is to keep the stomachs of his subjects full and their heads empty.

For all the talk about black markets, who are the people who really deal with them?

Your Week By Chubby OCTOBER 21-27. A WEEKSCOPE JUST IN MAN. IF YOU ARE THINKING OF A PARTNER AND DON'T LET YOUR EMOTIONS RULE YOU. MON 21. 4 YEARS AGO TOODY CAPT EDIE RICKENBACKER AND 7 ARMY MEN DISAPPEARED IN A PLANE ON A FLIGHT FROM OAHU, HAWAII... RESCUED SEVERAL WEEKS LATER AT SEA. TUE 22. FRANZ LISZT—MOST BRILLIANT OF ALL PIANISTS—BORN, 1811. BIRTHDAY OF SARAH BERNHARDT, CELEBRATED FRENCH ACTRESS. WED 23. 1901—THE FIRST OVERNIGHT FALLS IN A BARREL. THUR 24. IT WORKS! 110 YEARS AGO THE "WATCH PATENT" WAS AWARDED TO ALONZO D. PHILLIPS. FRI 25. 58th BIRTHDAY OF ADMIRAL RICHARD E. BYRD, EXPLORER-AVIATOR... HE SPENT 5 MONTHS OF WINTER NIGHT ALONE AT SCIENTIFIC WORK IN THE SHADOW OF THE SOUTH POLE. SAT 26. 121 YEARS AGO THE ERIE CANAL WAS OPENED BY GOV. CLINTON AND THE FIRST BOAT LEFT BUFFALO. SUN 27. IT'S NAVY DAY—COMMEMORATES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE U. S. NAVY BY ACTION OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, 1775. GIRL SCOUT WEEK (TIL NOV. 2) — ALSO NATIONAL APPLE WEEK. A MAN'S TONGUE IS A SHIELD, NOT A SWORD. OLD GERMAN.

HERE and THERE By HILDA WAY GWYN

Speaking of "carrying coals to Newcastle" . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor who live out in Grimsball Park, but hail from Michigan but are now loyal Haywood county citizens had some friends down from their native state last week for a visit. The friends came bearing gifts, and no doubt wanted to give the Taylors a touch of nostalgia for their childhood home—so they brought them a box of luscious Michigan apples—they had gotten the impression that North and South Carolina did not grow this fruit in any large amounts—Mrs. Taylor is secretary to Dick Barber, manager of the Barber Orchards—and in her work each day she deals with apples and more apples—and from her office she can whiff the spicy and pungent aroma of the famous Barber brands — The friends, we understand, in their embarrassment with their choice of a gift, refused to part with their Michigan apples and took them back home.

Have you noticed how scarce sugar is these days? We are getting uneasy for fear we aren't going to have enough to even have a "spot" of fudge for Christmas—and worse still are going to have some "dead" stamps on our hands—for December is just around the corner—and prospects for homemade Christmas sweets are getting slim. Christmas without something made in your own kitchen just doesn't seem right here in a peacetime era. We had thought that another year we would find "sweet consolation" in plenty of sugar. It seems especially bad since we have just finished reading an article telling that "white refined sugar can be bought from Cuba by the 100-pound bags—immediate shipment—sent anywhere "EXCEPT THE UNITED STATES"—and the reason for this is that the Cuban sugar available, represents the excess of the amount contracted for by the United States and for which it is impossible to obtain U. S. Import licenses because imports are limited to supplies negotiated for by the U. S. Government—Now it looks like somebody has been very stupid somewhere along the line—Here they are down in Cuba, just across a narrow strip of water—right in our own front yard—offering sugar for sale—and we are up here clamoring for the privilege of buying sugar . . . Yet we can't get it. Maybe Congress was lacking a sweet tooth.

Aren't children perfect imitators? It gives me a terrific sense of responsibility at times to realize what smart little "copy cats" they are (as they like to call each other). One rainy day recently when his mother was at school teaching—David Stentz had to stay inside so he almost played havoc with his grandmother's living room—but she did not have the heart to call him down—for she recognized only too well her own reflection in his game. For he merely copied from his DAR grandmother and had a duplicate imaginary DAR meeting. He arranged chairs around the room and placed a book in every other one (There never have been enough rituals in the DAR chapter to go around, so they usually give one to every other person). He rigged up two sticks with pieces of cloth and placed them on the table of the "presiding officer," for the imaginary members to salute the flags. Then to show other influences in his life he added an ecclesiastical touch by getting himself "in robes" to lead the singing. Mrs. Swift, busy about her household duties, knew he was in the house, and safe—so did not know what was taking place, until sometime after she came into the room and the meeting was in full swing.

The recent survey which revealed our lack of accredited schools in Haywood county, makes it easy for us to understand why our children often have trouble their first year in college. With no discredit to our teachers, we make the foregoing statement, for how

Work Rules for the Student By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

- 1. Don't let yourself daydream. When you catch yourself at it, "yank" yourself back to the job. 2. By paying strict attention in class you can save time out of class. Hold yourself responsible for every question asked. Check the correctness of the answer you should have given. Get the assignment without thought of asking later what it is. 3. Get all your work in on time. When an assignment covers several days or weeks in advance, budget your time so you will get your work completed when due. Avoid the "putting off" habit. Take Notes Well 4. Learn to take notes well. In class, take a few brief notes. Practice at taking and recalling mental notes, and of jotting down a few good notes right after class, or during the study period, or at home in the evening. 5. Have a regular time and place for study. Make a schedule with a definite period of time for each subject and try to stick to it. Get away from the radio and family conversation, if you can; otherwise train yourself to ignore them. While at study, refuse to talk to anybody. Pay attention to nothing but your work. Before you begin, assemble all your tools and don't let yourself "fiddle around." After working vigorously for twenty or thirty minutes, it may be well to walk about for five minutes before another siege. 6. Before beginning work on any assignment, review briefly the last lesson or last several lessons. 7. Learn to read well. If you are a poor reader, practice fifteen minutes a day at home on materials much easier than those of your text books. Read for ideas rather than words. General Drift 8. When you read from a text book or reference book, read the entire selection through to get the general drift. Then re-read it more carefully and turn it briefly into your own words. The bold type and paragraph headings will help you. Learn to summarize a paragraph in a sentence of your own. Memorize the thought of these sentences. You do not really know something until you can tell it in your own words. 9. Don't try to deceive yourself or teacher by handing in work not your own. Every effort to earn grades by deceit spoils your habits of work and robs you of self-reliance and self-respect. 10. Select one evening for study out of your week-end, and discipline yourself to stick to it. Otherwise, you easily will form the habit of letting all the evenings slip by with the result that you are unprepared Monday. A reprint of this article may be had in a stamped envelope.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Where were you this time two years ago? Johnny Norris—"I was in New Guinea with the 169th Infantry of the 43rd Infantry Division." Ed McRorie—"I was in France with the 237th Engineer Battalion." J. T. Russell—"I was in training at Camp Blanding, Fla." Rufus Ratcliff—"I was on the front 18 or 20 miles from Bologna." Harry Dyer—"I was in France attached to the 9th Infantry." Bill Ray—"I was in New York at the port of embarkation, ready to sail for the European theater." Jim Kilpatrick—"I was on the staff and faculty of the enlisted men's school of the Eastern Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N. J., but two months later I was on my way to Leyte."

Letters To Editor

HAYWOOD LIVE STOCK AND HOME ARTS SHOW

Reading The Mountaineer carefully week after week for many years, I have noted the great progress that old Haywood is making. Indeed, for sixty years I have seen this progress in farm practices and farm and community life. When I was a boy the greatest slam that could be handed a countryman was to call him a "book farmer." This was the ultimate in contempt. Our farmers, patterning after "what Father did," did not realize that in these despised "books" was embodied all the learning of the past. Today, Haywood seems to be filled with "book farmers," who read farm journals and are immensely profited thereby as the results prove. As the years have come and gone, Haywood has had a progressively better and better trained lot of farm and home agents, men and women. I have seen excellent ones go elsewhere, and have wondered whence and how we could replace them. But always the newcomers have begun where the others left off and have led our farm people (the foundations of our country's life and prosperity) to more productive and better farm practices and farm life. And today we have, in my judgment, the best agents we have ever had—both men and women. Perhaps the greatest factors in this literally amazing progress have

can we expect them to do a thorough job when we do not give them the standard equipment?

Though a member of his church, we feel like we voice the sentiments of the community when we give a word of welcome to Rev. Paul Townsend (and his family), whom the Bishop saw fit to return to the First Methodist church here for another year. Mr. Townsend in a sense came back home when he was assigned to this church after his years in the navy, for he had lived here on two other occasions, when his father was "presiding old-r" of the Waynesville district and later when he taught in our high school. The congregation of his church like and respect Mr. Townsend both, as a preacher, and as a man outside the pulpit—and the public in general has the same feeling about him.

My pride over what the home-folk have done in this Show is so great that I fear that I shall have to go to a tailor and get the buttons reset on my coat—and this is not so much of a joke as it sounds. E. W. GUDGER New York.

LOOKING BACKWARD

I want to go back and carry a few lappkins in my pocket just in case the hoss busts a trace chain; I want to tie the coonhide hamstring once and set the collar deep by hiking the backband up just behind the hoss' withers. I want to spend Christmas in the country and get off the Christmas tree one stick of candy, one orange, and one penny pencil. The rich ones gave their children a French harp and the night was filled with music and the cares that infested the day folded their tents like the Arabs and as silently stole away. I want to go back where they make sausage and souse meat; where the pumpkin is sliced and hung on quilts' frames to dry. That was before germs, vitamins, and termites had been invented. I want to carry the old Barlow knife once again and whittle red cedar and soft poplar. I want to see the yaller "thundermugs" drying in the sun back of the kitchen; I want to go back where only gramma smoked; granny used a long-stemmed clay pipe which she fired by dipping it into the ashes on the "health" and tamping it down against the jamb of the chimney—chimbley. I want to go back where the geese are picked every month; where the roosters are permitted to run with the hens, openly and brazenly; where corn is planted and soaped by the signs of the moon; where warnits and hickory nuts are gathered in the fall for the winter mast; where the boys still sell peachseeds to buy their winter boots; where said boots are greased

been the formation and development of the 4-H, and of the "Future Farmers and Homemakers of America." In these organizations, which begin at the bottom, our country boys and girls are scientifically trained for farm production and farm living, and they are doing such things as were never even dreamed of in my early days. When I was growing into manhood, the only advancement a farm boy could see was to become a doctor, a lawyer, a preacher, or at worst come to town and become a clerk in a store. Today he has become a scientifically trained farmer. I have seen the slow but steady growth in Haywood of many years, but how I wish that I could see Haywood 20 - 15 - 10 years from now. What a wonderful place it will be to live in—with scientific farming and cattle raising; with a wide use of farm machinery; electrified farmhouses and barns; farm houses with heating-plants and with water and sewage facilities; good roads in every section; and with a County Library bringing books to every farmhouse—a thing that our people are plainly ripe for.

These matters have long been in my mind and have been much thought over. But the incentive to put them on paper has been the reading in The Mountaineer of Oct. 11 of the recent remarkable Livestock and Home Arts Show on the Waynesville High School grounds. Without the aid of any carnival shows with their abominations, and despite a 3.5-inch rainfall, Haywood has had such a Show, such a Demonstration as never before in her history. And she is not going to stop with even this success. She is going on to higher levels of achievement. My pride over what the home-folk have done in this Show is so great that I fear that I shall have to go to a tailor and get the buttons reset on my coat—and this is not so much of a joke as it sounds. E. W. GUDGER New York.

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