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A Lesson In Socialism

One of our leaders sends us a letter that was written by Thomas J. Shelly, teacher of Economics and History, Yonkers High School, Yonkers, New York. We believe it's well worth passing along, so here it is:

As a teacher in the public schools, I find that the socialist-communist idea of taking "from each according to his ability" and giving "to each according to his need" is now accepted without question by most of our pupils. In an effort to explain the fallacy in this theory, I sometimes try this approach with my pupils:

When one of the brighter or harder-working pupils makes a grade of 95 on a test, I suggest that I take away 20 points and give them to a student who has made only 55 points on his test. Thus each would contribute according to his ability and—since both would have a passing mark—each would receive according to his need. After I have juggled the grades of all the other pupils in this fashion, the result is usually a "common ownership" grade of between 75 and 80—the minimum needed for passing, or for survival. Then I speculate with the pupils as to the probable results if I actually used the socialistic theory of grading papers.

First, the highly productive pupils—and they are always a minority in school as well as in life—would soon lose all incentive for producing. Why strive to make a high grade if part of it is taken from you by "authority" and given to someone else?

Second, the less productive pupils—a majority in school as elsewhere—would, for a time, be relieved of the necessity to study or to produce. This socialist-communist system would continue until the high producers had sunk—or had been driven down—to the level of the low producers. At that point, in order for anyone to survive, the "authority" would have no alternative but to begin a system of compulsory labor and punishments against even the low producers. They, of course, would then complain bitterly, but without understanding.

Finally I return the discussion to the ideas of freedom of enterprise, the market economy, where each person has freedom of choice, and is responsible for his own decisions and welfare.

Gratifyingly enough, most of my pupils then understand what I mean when I explain that socialism—even in a democracy—will eventually result in a living-death for all except the "authorities" and a few of their favorite lackeys. The Stat.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

HOW AGILE THE FINGERS OF DOCTOR LA BOTTS— HIS FORTÉ IS THE TYING OF SURGICAL KNOTS—

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STUDENTS— THIS IS KNOWN AS THE GORGONZOLA KNOT— FIRST A BOWLINE OVER THE DOUVENUM— THEN A HALF HITCH WITH A HAWSEER BEND BETWEEN THE GASTRIC CUTTER PIN AND SPLEEN—

BUT IN HIS TUXEDO— HIS TROUBLES BEGIN— HE CAN'T TIE THAT SHOELACE UNDER HIS CHIN—

WHAT'S EATING YOU, ANYHOW? I THOUGHT YOU WERE HAVING A FIT!

SHUT UP! COME OUT HERE AND TIE THIS GORGONZOLA BOW TIE! IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY!

THANK YOU, DAVID J. CALICHO, M.D., 9 KESWICK ST., BOSTON 15, MASS.

Rambling Round
—Bits Of Human Interest News—
By Frances Gilbert Frazier

To those, who like ourselves, are devotees of the radio, the following which was kindly given us will be of interest.

Little Mary, six, had just paid her first visit to church and upon returning home was asked how she liked it. "Oh, the music was fine," was her enthusiastic response, "but I thought the commercial was too long."

Worry makes the brain and the stomach next door neighbors.

Have you ever seen a banana shrub? In that garden to which we so often wander down Memory Lane, there was a large banana shrub tree. It produced buds shaped and colored just like a banana, and the odor was the same except that it was exquisitely more delicate. The bud opened up into a six-petaled flower, and then the petals fell leaving just a pod. On a moonlight night, with the river gently swishing against the breakwater and the fragrance of this shrub wafting on a soft breeze, Paradise seemed very close. Nostalgia, there you are again!

The sun scattering diamonds on a stream.

She was a maiden aunt to four teen-agers and their devotion to each other was something to enjoy. The girls came to her with all their worries, beaux and pleasures. A friend one day complimented the maiden aunt and said the mothers must appreciate having some one so "dependable." "That's just it," the maiden aunt replied with a grin, "de-dependable when I really want to be as good as dead."

Long taking trips are things you are CRAZY in.

When the Joneses moved suburbs from the city, he immediately joined the Club and took up golf. Saturday afternoons he tried to hide as he said, and to his wife he played this afternoon golf. Mrs. Jones was the first thing about him did know that Mr. Jones with poked nose, anything about, could be asked why did you just mention me you finished playing?

A breeze treading a rose petal to its lips.

Preschool Clinic Slated Tuesday

Only one preschool clinic has been held in the County Department for the past year. It was held on Tuesday, April 17, at the Presbyterian Church, Canton, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

These clinics are held to aid will-be mothers in the Parent-Child Center at the M. W. C. County Health Center before entering the child into the public health department. The clinic is held by the health department.

Saturday, April 21, at 10:00 a. m. at the Presbyterian Church.

Monday Afternoon, April 23, 1951

A Good Legislature

The 1951 session of the General Assembly has completed its work and the members have gone to their respective homes.

Having been in more or less intimate contact with them ever since the session opened, we have been asked a number of times: "How does the membership of this legislature compare with others that we have had in recent years?"

Our answer has consistently been the same. This has been one of the finest legislatures we ever have worked with. And when we make that statement, we do so in all sincerity.

Of course we know that many proposals distributed with us—of the kind that have been done there—have been questioned by the teachers and other state employees. There is no question but that the teachers and other state employees deserve more money. There is no question but that the health and occupational institutions could use larger appropriations than those that were granted. The same is true of other state employees and departments.

But look at it from this point of view: would it have been fair to have granted a big increase to some departments and ignored all the other departments? Of course it wouldn't.

Would it have been possible to grant all of the requests for additional appropriations? Probably not. The amount involved was \$124 million in excess of recommendations made by the Advisory Budget Commission.

That was with the results that the General Assembly did pass—and that was to take the appropriations for the time that were needed and spread them out in the fairest possible way.

It is true that the General Assembly would have done more, had it been possible to grant the request that had been made for additional appropriations.

And when you consider our economic picture from a broad point of view, we believe you will agree that the legislature has done a fine job. If, however, you restrict the picture from only one angle, then the chances are that you are dissatisfied with what has been accomplished.

From the standpoint of statewide service, we think that the General Assembly did the best it could under existing circumstances and merits the thanks of our people as a whole.—The State

A Weapon, Not A Toy!

Some weeks ago Chief of Police Corbett Wall issued a warning here to the effect that it is unlawful to shoot any kind of a gun within the city limits—including air rifles.

Shortly thereafter this corner carried an editorial commending the action of Chief Wall and pointing out that even an air rifle is a dangerous weapon—especially when it is in the hands of small children, within the city limits or not.

In the last issue of The Tribune, a front page carried a brief telling of a 11-year-old boy being in a Winston-Salem hospital with a BB shot in the eye. Whether or not the child will lose the eye is not known at this writing.

This 11-year-old boy goes to school at North Elkin. The youngster handling the air rifle which shot him is six years old.

A six year old child has no business with a BB gun, nor have older boys. But so long as parents buy them these guns and allow them to use them, just so long will the menace of blinded eyes or other injuries be with us.

A BB gun is not a toy. It's a weapon.
—Elkin Tribune.

Looking Back Over The Years

- 15 YEARS AGO**
Community Club sponsors eleventh annual dress making contest for girls in the Waynesville High School.
- \$250 is contributed to Red Cross for relief of victims of the tornado in Georgia.
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Barber, Jr., Mrs. M. H. Bowles and Mrs. Tom Lee attend concert by Giovanni Martelli in Asheville.
- Joe McClure of Sambock School and Edna Katherine McGee of East Waynesville win the district declamation and recitation contests for elementary schools.
- 10 YEARS AGO**
Petitions are being circulated asking \$50,000 bond issue to expand the Haywood County Hospital.
- Capt. Mint Reed is promoted to the rank of Major in the U. S. Air Corps.
- High School Band leaves for Greensboro to enter state-wide contests at Woman's College.
- Barbara June Davis gives party on her 18th birthday.
- Henry Greene, Leo McGaha, and Ed McCracken of the Fries Creek FFA Chapter win in the state project story contest.
- 5 YEARS AGO**
Nathan Carver is named to the Haywood County Board of Public Welfare.
- Workmen are completing the job of tearing down the Hazelwood Town Hall on Brown Avenue.
- Ambulance is stolen from Garrett Funeral Home—found in Asheville.
- Fox hound, belonging to Ray Holder of Clyde, is champion of the South Carolina Derby.
- Mr. and Mrs. Leo Feichter of Chicago purchase The Lodge.

RALEIGH Round-up
by JAMES H. ROU BAILEY

SENATE VETERAN Duplin's home that there would be no trouble about confinement.

The Legislature was in a hurry all right, so much so that the names were not even considered Friday by the joint session called Saturday night. Presiding officer Pat Taylor was busy getting bills enrolled and attending to the multitudinous matters incident to a Legislature's getting out of Raleigh. He let Rivers take over the gavel and take it over he did to the delight of carter Senators and scores of visitors. He made anybody interested an honorary page. He complimented all the pretty girls. Rivers, Johnson loved everybody Saturday night, including the Republicans in Sampson County who gave him such a hard time when a feud separated but in vain to change their political system.

Rapping his gavel so you could hear it on the street he led the Republicans seated back in the rear of the Senate to come up to the front "for one time." They did.

Senator Eller of Wilkes, one of the more popular Republicans in the Legislature, made a little speech at his friends' yelling persistence. "I have enjoyed being here with you folks. It has been much more pleasant than I had anticipated. In fact I wouldn't mind joining you Democrats here in the Senate if I didn't have to go along with Harry Truman."

"My Lord, man," sang out Rivers, Johnson waving his gavel in a wide arc, "we certainly wouldn't ask you to do that."

HANGING AROUND Lobbyists, too persistent in their wishes and enthusiasm can, and do, very frequently make themselves a nuisance around the Legislature. Smart lobbyists become friends with the members and come up "on the blind side" with their propositions. Such a one is not Marjory Alexander of Charlotte, who has hung around the General Assembly for the teachers. They were tired of her. They felt the narrowest too much she lacked.

Just as they reached the definite conclusion that Marjory Alexander should go back to her teaching or knitting, the Governor only nominated her for a place on the important State Board of Education. On top of that, he nominated Dr. Roma Cheek at Duke University, who met the legislators when they came to Raleigh with an idealistic plan of what they must do to bring North Carolina out of the rut, for the other vacancy on the board. That was just too much. These women were to replace A. S. Brower, Controller of Duke University, and Harold Lineberger, Belmont textile men. The Governor waited until the day before adjournment to present these new names, thinking no doubt that the Legislature would be in such a hurry to get

VOICE of the People

If you could listen to only one type of music, which type would you prefer?

Mrs. Joy Nichols: "Popular—and especially Wayne King's orchestra."

*Ted Chambers: "Semi-classical. I guess a lot of today's popular music could be considered semi-classical."

Mrs. C. E. Kirkpatrick: "I like the familiar classics, and I prefer vocal to instrumental music. The ones I enjoy listening to are somewhere between the light popular numbers and the heavy operatic aria."

Johnny Johnston: "Semi-classical music."

Mrs. Aaron Prevost: "Classical—symphonic."

Miss Edna Summerrow: "I like semi-classical music, so that is what I would prefer to listen to."

Miss Margaret Johnston: "I prefer symphonies."

Mrs. Robert Winchester: "Popular."

Cow Town Turns To Derbies

DALHART, Tex. (AP)—This town's Texas town is going to abandon the traditional ten-gallon hat and other cow-country styles temporarily. As a stunt to publicize Dalhart's golden jubilee party May 23-26, a thousand men will wear headgear of 50 years ago—derbies.

So the breach between a Governor elected by the people in 1948 and a Legislature elected by the people in 1950 was widened during the final week of the 1951 General Assembly.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT

PETER THE GREAT OF RUSSIA WITH THE AID OF A MEDICINE MAN, OFTEN ACCUSED TO OPERATE ON HIS SUBJECTS.

INDICT TO CHARGE WITH THE INDITE TO COMPOSE TO WRITE.

WHAT IS THE COSMETIC MOST UNIVERSALLY USED IN AMERICA? LIPSTICK.

THE YUCCA ELATA IS A TREE LILY.

Inside WASHINGTON
MARCH OF EVENTS

August, September Recess | Scant Chance for Agreement by Big

Of Congress Seen Likely

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Democratic leaders in Congress look ahead and make definite plans to meet in session—even if this session runs until New Year's Day.

Tentative plans call for a recess during August and September with legislators returning on Oct. 1.

Senate leaders in particular dread the prospect of a long session through until October, as they have in recent years. They get a break. One practical reason is that they fear the continued presence of members.

Most members of Congress now are ready to working most of the year, provided they have a respite of six weeks or more.

BIG FOUR STALEMATE Weeks of the wrangling in Paris, has a major obstacle to American foreign policy. It is the advance belief that Russia, Britain, France and the United States will not agree on a common purpose.

The United States was the only one to have intentions even before the meeting in Geneva, a preliminary session to prepare an agenda for the main conference.

There is still some likelihood, although small, that the meeting will be reached on an agenda for a final agreement.

However, if the meeting takes place, the odds are that it will be due to a United States compromise to pressure Western nations with Britain and France because internal pressure in the United States demand one more try at peace—no matter how long it takes.

CRIME AND CONGRESS—At least one of the major take a view of all the clamor over crime fighting research has drawn public attention.

In a pointed remark to the Senate, Democratic Leader Frank McFarland (D, Arizona), told his colleagues that they should get down to business and pass some legislation instead of doing an investigating.

McFarland isn't opposed to investigation, but he is the Senate traffic cop and it is his duty to see that bills are not held up.

"In my judgment," he told the Senate, "it is my duty to attend to our knitting a little more. If we do not, the people will attend to us."

The amiable, soft-spoken Arizonan, however, may be more aware of the tide that he is trying to control. He says King did but he knows full well that Congress has plenty of other work to do.

KOREAN STRATEGY—America's United Nations ally is strongly opposed to any plan for another push on the border of Manchuria although they are willing to cross the 38th Parallel.

One diplomatic source says Britain is so determined to avoid another drive all the way to the Yalu river, that British troops might be withdrawn from Korea if such strategy prevails.

Chances are now that the UN forces will establish a line in the area north of Pyongyang near the 38th Parallel. In view of Douglas MacArthur's statement that a "stalemate" could be maintained, it's doubtful if another advance to the Manchurian border will be attempted.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

FOR SALE

Is it good psychology to own your own home?

Answer: I should guess that the psychology comes first, and the home, second. But Lillian Cohen reports in the American Journal of Sociology that greater stability and security, both social and psychological, are found among people who own their own homes than in families who live in rented dwellings or apartments. At least we know that continual moving is unhealthy for children—especially for babies. Not only does each change in environment make a child's task of adjustment harder but the desire for a sense of permanency is part of the impulse that the home is based on.

Should children get "marks" in school?

Answer: Yes. On this point I agree with Dr. Henry C. Link in "The Way to Security." The harm it may do a child to be ashamed of getting low marks is less serious than his coming to feel that it does not matter whether he does well or badly. You don't

prepare a child to face reality by giving him "E for effort." If this helps him overlook the fact that two and two do not make five. Self-confidence is basically something which a child acquires—or is deprived of—at home. Having teachers make allowances for him in school will not give it to him.

Is "natural childbirth" a success?

Answer: All that I hear and read inclines me to believe so. It seems pretty thoroughly established that a normal woman can be educated physically and emotionally to meet motherhood without fear and go through it with a minimum of pain and danger. An outstanding success in this field is that of the program of the Grace-New Haven Community Hospital at New Haven, Connecticut, as described in the book "Training for Childbirth" by Dr. Herbert Thoms, Professor of Obstetrics at Yale University Medical School. The one serious objection to this method is its demands on the physician's time.

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By LAWRENCE GOULD
Consulting Psychologist

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