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Editorials

These fall days wear a forward-looking face with an eye on schools, and "Quality Education."

"Education at its best is nothing more nor less than good instruction," says Charles Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He continues, "true quality education will afford each child the kind of education most commensurate with his abilities and most compatible with his personal needs and the needs of society."

Surely this reflects the belief—and demand—of all women who, through club, school and church groups, constantly strive to insure the rights of every child to learn, to seek out the answers to his questions and to grow daily through the good use of his mind. This right, no child should be denied.

And the right to quality of learning is, we believe, equally important. We must meet this demand for learning immediately. Today, the responsibility for the quality of education must be shared by the family and the community. The following should interest each club. (Reprint from News & Observer)

\$64,000 MISTAKE IS A BIG ONE

By Ralph McGill

The investment is 15 cents.

It will pay quite large dividends to high school students, their parents, church clubs, civic clubs seeking community programs, and school officials and PTA groups bent on slowing down the costly parade of dropouts.

The Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., offers this investment, a product of the U.S. Department of Labor, the Office of Education and the Department of Defense.

It is a neat booklet, titled "National Stay-In-School Campaign—A Handbook for Communities." It contains instructions on how to organize a community drive.

There are suggestions for editors, for radio and TV program directors. The question often is asked, "What can an individual, or a group, do to help our country?"

Here is a blueprint. Even the slogans are ready. A schedule of education, periods for special emphasis, and ways to apply it.

The booklet also is directed at teen-agers. "A \$64,000 mistake is a big one," it begins, "and this happens when a teen-ager drops out of school."

The statistics, on a national basis, hit the doubting teen-agers right between the eyes.

1. A high school graduate earns \$64,000 more in a lifetime than a grade school graduate and \$30,000 more than a high school dropout. A college degree adds \$100,000 to his lifetime earnings.

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Religious Emphasis

Give thanks today for blessings sent

From dawn until day's end.

Wait not with your thanksgiving lest

Tomorrow's hours will spend

Themselves like those of yesterday

With no time for the Lord.

Make every day Thanksgiving Day

By thought and act and word.

Perhaps it is more difficult for us to sense the feeling of thanksgiving as completely as did the Pilgrims, for our blessings outweigh theirs so many times. The old saying, "If adversity has killed his thousands, prosperity has killed ten thousand," could be applied to thanksgiving. It would seem for every person who fails to give thanks because he has so little to be thankful for, there are hundreds who fail to give thanks because they have been given so many blessings. Jesus warned us to, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth." (Luke 12:15).

The Pilgrims gave God a definite and prominent place in their life every day. This made every day a thanksgiving day, so the special day was time for giving special thanks—thanks over and above their daily expressions of gratitude.

Many times blessings are derived from misfortunes and adversities. Some one pointed out that a calm sea has never produced a skillful mariner. Surely the sailing during that first winter was anything but calm for the Pilgrims. They had come here in order to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. Hardship, suffering, and starvation reinforced their relationship with God's goodness.

May this season of Thanksgiving be more meaningful for us than any that have gone before.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. SALLIE ORR
Asheville, N. C.

State Federation loses a consecrated worker and a magnetic leader in the person of Mrs. Sallie Orr of Asheville, N. C.

She was active in civic, religious, educational circles and other uplift agencies of Asheville.

Mrs. Orr was director of U.S.O. and Civil Defense programs there for a number of years, and also many years as leader in Red Cross work.

All of these including her splendid work in promoting "Family Life Week", and her church work, made her an excellent president of the city Federation.

Mrs. Orr was named 1955 "Woman of the Year" by the Beta Lambda Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority.

She has served well in the North Carolina Federation; as executive board member and chairman of many State committees. At her death she was chairman of our standing committee on Civilian Defense.



Dr. Nannie Helen Burroughs
May 20, 1961
Washington, D. C.

Founded Women's School, Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C. with a campus of eight acres and

beautiful buildings established 1909.

Leader of some two million in The Woman's National Baptist Convention since 1948.

Writer, editor and publisher of religious literature.

A consecrated club woman with a life of deeds. Affiliated with a number of national organizations including the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs.



Roland C. Spellman
August 12, 1961
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Mr. Spellman was the husband of our President, Mrs. E. M. Spellman. A generous spirit and life of service for all he was privileged to know.



Paul R. Brown
June 11, 1961
Morrison Training School
Hoffman, N. C.

Superintendent of Morrison Training School 1944 to 1961. Closely associated with the Moor County Federation and the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs. He attended the last annual meeting in Shelby giving an impressive report of his school and work.