

TODAY and TOMORROW

By DON ROBINSON

COLLEGE work
A college degree is no longer a sign that a boy comes from a family which is wealthy enough to plunk down \$5,000 in cold cash for his education.

It is, more accurately, evidence that a boy has perseverance, intelligence and a real desire to make something of himself.

That's how it happens, in spite of poor business years, that there are more students in college today than there were in 1929. Most of the boys and girls who go to college today go because they consider an education worth working for—not in order to postpone going to work for four years more.

That fact was strikingly brought out by a recent check-up when showed that approximately 50 per cent of college students are earning at least part of their own expenses.

It's no easy job to work your way through college. A job cuts in on the time that should be spent on studies and interferes with entering into the innumerable college activities which are an important part of college life.

But somehow, the handicap of a job usually turns out to be an asset. Ask any college boy, and he'll reel off the names of outstanding students, football stars, class officers and student leaders who are working for their education.

Not having things too easy seems to breed determination and guts. There are exceptions—but in general the ones who can afford to take things easy are often the ones who are eased out of college for not making the grade.

HEROES courage
A few years ago I visited colleges all over the country to interview "heroes."

I was representing the Carnegie Hero Fund commission, an organization endowed by Andrew Carnegie for the sole purpose of giving a permanent boost, either by education or some other means, to people who had risked their lives to save the life of another.

Mr. Carnegie believed that courage was a good yardstick for measuring a person's worth—and he set up this simple "risk your life" formula as a means of selecting a group of people, from all walks of life, worthy of his beneficence.

The beneficiaries of the fund include hundreds of boys and girls who are being sent to college on an "all expense paid" basis, because, according to the Carnegie formula, they have what it takes to become worthwhile Americans.

Mr. Carnegie's formula is an interesting variation from the usual method of picking students for scholarships by competitive examinations or high scholastic standing. It is the method of a self-made man who realized that there was something deeper in a boy than his ability to remember historical dates and Latin verbs by which he should be judged as worthy of encouragement and help.

BRAINS independence

One of the winners of the Carnegie medal for heroism particularly impressed me as being the type Andrew Carnegie had in mind when he set up his "courage" formula for judging men, but I doubt if even Mr. Carnegie himself would have known how to handle him.

Otto was 15 years old when I met him. He had quit school because his family was poor and he wanted to help them. Another reason he had quit was that he liked working in a factory better than going to school.

But after a day's work at the factory he'd sit up half the night reading history, philosophy and science. He enjoyed studying and learning more than any boy of his age I ever met, but he just couldn't take it in the way they parceled out learning in school. They didn't move along fast enough for him.

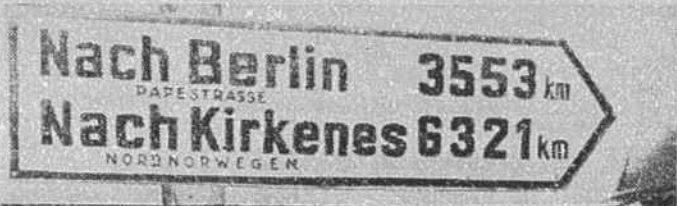
I got him interested in the idea of college and he went back to finish his high school course. But he didn't stay long. The next thing I heard when he was 16, was that he had gone back to the factory and had got married!

The Carnegie organization, because they were convinced of his unusual ability, finally offered to support both Otto and his wife if he'd go on with his education. But he wouldn't listen. He liked working with his hands in the daytime and saving his mind for his spare time.

We gave up trying to help Otto—he was too insistent on helping himself.

But I was interested in a letter I got from the principal of his school a year later. It seems that Otto had dropped in the school while a state examination for teachers was going on. He had taken the test—just for the fun of it—and had received the highest grade of all the normal school and college graduates who took it with him. But he wasn't impressed. He said he'd never want

'It's a Long, Long Way'—to Berlin



N.W.N.S.

When the German forces in North Africa won back all of Libya lost to the British by the Italians they erected the sign post shown above which gives an indication of the far-flung territory under Nazi domination. It points to Berlin, 3553 kilometers away and to Kirkenes, Norway, farthest north point of Europe occupied by Germany. Below two members of the Nazi African corps are talking to a native boy caring for his camels in background.

Watauga Falls News

Several cases of measles are prevalent in the community. The whole family of Tab Ward is ill with the disease.

Mrs. Ronald Ward returned last week from the Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem, where she was a patient for several days.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ward on Sunday, May 11, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hagaman and John Lawrence Shepherd, Jr. returned home last week after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sain of Toluca.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Ward of Knoxville, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ward of Beaver Dam, visited Mr. and Mrs. Renzo Ward Sunday.

Mr. Walter Ward and son Frank of Bel Air, Md., were week-end visitors with relatives in this section.

JUNE 1 IS FINAL DATE TO ENROLL IN CAMPAIGN

With 50,000 or more farm families already enrolled, John W. Goodman, assistant director of extension at State College, says a concerted drive will be made to enlist another 40,000 in the "Food and Feed for Family Living" campaign before the June 1 deadline for enrollment. Goodman is chairman of the state agricultural workers' council, which links all agencies in the campaign.

"We are very grateful over the response to the campaign to enlist the support of farm families in North Carolina in the 'Food and Defense program,'" Goodman said. "We realize that the campaign was started comparatively late, and that some families have the mistaken idea that there is a compulsory angle to the campaign."

"When a farmer or his wife signs one of the 'Food and Feed for Family Living' cards, there is nothing binding on them except their conscience. The cards merely state that the farm family wishes to voluntarily have a part in making for a stronger, healthier rural North Carolina in 1941."

County agricultural workers' councils are active in every one of North Carolina's 100 counties in enlisting the support of farm families. Each county has been divided into communities, and one member of the county council is responsible for contacting as many families as possible in his or her assigned community.

Governor Broughton will sign a certificate of recognition for every family which grows and conserves at least 75 per cent of its food and feed requirements for the year. Special certificates will be awarded to landlords who induce all of their tenants to produce and save 75 per cent of their food and feed needs. The certificates will be awarded at county achievement days to be held next winter.

An ostrich has two toes on each foot.

to teach—he was happy working in the factory and studying nights.

ENGINEERING free
Under the government defense program, there is a new opportunity for thousands of young men to get an engineering education at the expense of the taxpayers.

Congress has appropriated \$9,000,000 for training students in engineering activities essential to our defense program. Arrangements have been made with 119 engineering colleges to give training to 57,853 students.

These courses will not take the place of a regular college course—but they will give an intensive two to six months of training in specialized fields, which will mean good jobs for the students if they complete them successfully.

Selection of students is left in the hands of the engineering colleges. When the colleges accept an applicant the cost of their instruction will then be paid by the federal government.

WATAUGA FALLS NEWS

Downfall of the dictator governments and establishment of the United States as the world's "arsenal of religious thought," were foreseen last Wednesday by Dr. W. W. Hamilton of New Orleans, in his presidential address to the Southern Baptist convention in Birmingham, Ala.

He spoke to more than 6,000 delegates representing the nation's 5-100,000 Southern Baptists.

"The rulers of today shall pass away, even as others who have stalked across the pages of history in past ages," said Dr. Hamilton.

"While systematic efforts are being made to eradicate religion in the totalitarian countries," he continued, "the faith of the people of this country has grown stronger and more intense. There is a great upsurge in the faith of the American people directly traceable to the war and it is up to this country to preserve and extend it."

"The churches of America, he added, will be equal to this responsibility."

4 ARMY FLIERS DIE AS TWO BOMBERS COLLIDE IN MIDAIR

Rains, S. C., May 19.—A collision of two light army bombers high above this little eastern South Carolina town, followed by fire and an explosion, cost the lives of four fliers today.

Army authorities at the Savannah, Ga., air base, from which the planes had taken off on a training flight to Langley Field, Va., said the victims were: Second Lieut. Frank B. Ralston, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Second Lieut. Allen J. Moore, Reno, Nev.; Sergeant David L. Boyd, Forest, Texas, and Corporal Herbert O. Pruitt, Collinsville, Miss.

One of the planes was shattered to bits by an explosion as it landed atop a deserted tenant house, and the other caught fire and was so thoroughly consumed that eye-witnesses at first were certain there had been six men killed.

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Story Reunion

A reunion of all the Storys and their family connections in the Blue Ridge territory and surrounding country is now being planned. All Storys and their relatives are invited and urged to attend this homecoming occasion.

The meeting will be held at Laurel Fork Baptist church in the community of Aho on the fifth Sunday in June, 1941. The program will begin at 10:30 a. m., having a morning session, a picnic dinner furnished by all who attend and a short afternoon session. A good program is being prepared by the committee and a delightful occasion is anticipated.

The committee: T. E. Story, Wilkesboro; Granville Story, Blowing Rock; Jake Story, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Lona Story Cook, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Maud Story Cook, Blowing Rock.

LOOK AROUND In the Ads On These PAGES and SAVE MONEY

PILOTS "FERRYING" PLANES TO BRITAIN FLY BACK TO CANADA

Montreal, April 17.—As part of the ferrying of American-made warplanes to Britain "in increasing numbers and without loss," ferry pilots are being returned to Canada by air instead of by steamer as formerly, it was announced yesterday.

"Pilots who have made the crossing several times laugh at stories circulated about the possibility of their meeting German planes," said the announcement, issued by Afero, the ferrying organization established by the British ministry of aircraft production.

"The Germans would have as much chance of finding us as finding a needle in a haystack," one pilot was quoted.

Under the new system of returning to America by air, it was stated that some have made the round trip in five days, including two days of rest in London.

MRS. J. ROBY ISAACS

Mrs. Martha Davis Isaacs, wife of J. Roby Isaacs, passed away at her home in Morganton on May 14, at the age of 71 years. The body was brought to Zionville, where services were held by her former pastor, Rev. R. C. Eggers, assisted by Revs. Carl Hemphill and G. W. Hardin, the Revs. Hemphill and Hardin being neighbors and special friends of the deceased. A large delegation of friends and neighbors of Mrs. Isaacs accompanied the family for the funeral services at Zionville.

Mrs. Isaacs leaves her husband and the following children to mourn her departure: Z. C. Isaacs, Shulls Mills; Mrs. Zora Johnson Lenoir; Mrs. Belle Johnson, Vilas; Charles H. Isaacs, Lockland, Ohio; Mrs. Thelma Brittain, Morganton; Mrs. Gredas Culler, Lynchburg, Va.; 29 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Isaacs joined Zionville Baptist church when a girl and remained a loyal member until death.

Mrs. Isaacs possessed a loving disposition. She was loved by all who knew her. She was always active in church work and always held an open door for her friends, neighbors and especially for those who were in the field of service of God. Her passing means sorrow to many; she had many friends in Watauga county who will read with sadness that a noble woman has gone on. Mr. and Mrs. Isaacs lived in the Cove Creek valley until about nine years ago when they moved to Morganton, where they made new acquaintances. They have a host of friends there as well as in Watauga.

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