

This Day I Remember

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Raleigh, N. C.—Her tiny hand smile. The girl with clean, but chubby and soft, gripped firmly in mine moist from tension. She doesn't pull from me as usual and her eyes are wide with wonder and excitement.

This is the first day of school. I put up a brave front for her; me with the butterflies in the pit of my stomach. She sees right through my flimsy shield of pretense.

This day launches my six-year-old into a confusing new world of strange faces, strange sounds and unfamiliar rules. To these she adjusts better than her parent.

This is the day when I get smacked in the face with the realization that a third party enters our family—her teacher. I suddenly realize that she tests her wings and never again will be as dependent on me as in days gone by.

Yes, this is THE day. The day I thought about and for which I planned. "Should I go with her to her room or just to the door or the edge of the school ground?" "Should I stay for a time or boldly bid her goodbye and scam?" "Should I tell her teacher about that sore toe?" I had pondered these and countless other questions and all the answers seemed of little importance at the door. In I went.

This is the day for which I bought the notebook (she doesn't need it), the pencils, the crayons, the shiny new shoes (they were, for at least an hour), and that book on how to prepare her for school (someone should write one on preparing parents for school).

Misery loves company and I found it. Fellow-parents smile bravely, yet they hardly see me. And I survey the scene. At first, the impression of utter confusion, then I realize that most of the turmoil is caused by the adults. Grade-mothers assist and the children listen to them. They listen and mind so well that I feel a tinge of jealousy.

And alone stands one boy, shy with downcast eyes. The teacher sees him, too. He gets a special greeting and a warm

This is my daughter's teacher! Had I any doubts about bringing her into our family, they have now gone up in smoke. Now she extends her hand to me and tells me that she is pleased to have Mandy for a pupil.

We are invited to stay and observe. Many do. Before my eyes a virtual miracle takes place. Little desks become personalities; tables are islands of interest; and the teacher becomes a magician. Quiet replaces the babble of voices and the shuffle of feet. Attention rivets on the every word of "our" teacher.

Teachers should conduct every birthday party for any number of children greater than three," I silently observe.

With a friend, I slip toward the door, trying to catch her eye and wave goodbye. She sees me, but hardly nods farewell. A new day is here; a part of the growing-up process for parents.

Outside we compare notes. We DO have the finest teacher. There were too many pupils. We do need that new school building. Why did we buy those useless things, after all, the school bulletin suggested what and why. When does the lunchroom open? Now those fees make sense. Wonder when they will start reading and writing? Where did all these first-graders, come from?

This is the first day of school. I came through with flying colors. Ahead lies homework, questions about report cards and grading systems, questions on curriculum, theme papers, helping to solve the teacher shortage, helping to pass bond campaigns, financing a college education, and, oh yes, at least 17 years of P-TA!

This is the first day of school. is a good beginning.

The value of an idea has nothing whatever to do with the sincerity of the man who expresses it. —Oscar Wilde.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — The Senate last week passed the minimum wage bill by a vote of 62 to 34. I voted against the bill on passage.

Encroachment — I support the concept of basic wage rates but I am convinced that this bill passed by the Senate goes beyond the constitutional power of the federal government to regulate interstate commerce and does violence to states' rights by controlling commerce which is wholly within the state. This is another example of usurpation by the federal government of powers originally intended for the states. Those of us in the Senate who were fighting to restrict the measure to those matters which we sincerely believe to be within the jurisdiction of the federal government were not successful except in a few instances. The House of Representatives has passed its version of minimum wage legislation which pegs the basic rate at \$1.15 per hour and restricts the broadened coverage more than the Senate version. The Senate rate is \$1.25.

Conferees — The fate of minimum wage legislation for the time being is in the hands of Senate and House conferees. They will be meeting to see if

a suitable compromise can be worked out. It is thought by some that the President will veto any measure sent to his office in the form of the bill passed by the Senate. I do not know what the chance of getting a suitable bill will be.

Decent Wages — My vote to preserve the balance of power between the federal government and the states in the case of this legislation is based on the sincere belief that the states cannot and ought to legislate in this field. Failure to meet the issue squarely—as in the case of other matters—leads to the demand for federal action. The burden of maintaining the bal-

ance of power between the federal government and the states cannot be left wholly to the Congressional representation in Washington. The fact that the North Carolina General Assembly had enacted a minimum wage bill greatly strengthened our position that our argument is based on constitutional beliefs and not on the belief that nothing needs to be done to provide decent wages where action will not bankrupt small enterprises.

Center Hill 4-H'ers Enjoy Day Outing

The Center Hill 4-H'ers, the junior and senior clubs, enjoyed a day's outing at Lake Ahoy near Portsmouth, Va., on August 8. The Junior 4-H Club is sponsored by the Center Hill Senior 4-H Club. The picnic was planned to demand for federal action. The other so that the older children could watch out for the younger

Tobacco Field Days At Western Stations

Raleigh — Two tobacco field days will be held next week in the mountains.

The first will be on Tuesday, August 23, at the Mountain Research Station, Waynesville; the second on Wednesday at the Upper Mountain Research Station, Laurel Springs.

The program, which lasts from 2 to 5 P. M., will be the same on both days. Dana Tugman, superintendent at Laurel Springs, and M. R. Whisenhunt, superintendent at Waynesville, will welcome special guests and make special comments. Specialists from N. C. State College will talk on various subjects: Harvesting and curing—R. Bennett, W. G. Maxwell; plant beds and date of turning mature—S. N. Hawks, Jr., leaf spot and mosaic control—F. A. Todd; quality plants and spacing—R. Bennett; old and new varieties—W. G. Maxwell; fertilization and date of transplanting—Dr. Luther Shaw.

The manly part is to do with might and main what you can do. —Emerson.

What you can do, or dream you can, begin it; Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. —Gibson.

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EARL GOODWIN

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