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**American Schools**

Education, to hear some folks talk about it, is in a bad way in America. Miss Virginia Gildersleeve, head of Barnard College, said the other day that superficiality and slovenliness prevail in most colleges, a lack of thoroughness and of clear thinking. Right on top of that the Professor of Education in the University of North Dakota, Frederick Weltzinn, came out with a survey of rural education in which he said that, on the whole it was about as bad as it could be.

Americans have taken a good deal of pride, generally, in our system of widespread free educational facilities. We are inclined to boast about the school privileges which every American child and youth enjoys. It is rather a slap in the face, therefore, to be told that the whole system is inefficient and low-grade, from the one-room rural schools to the great universities.

Maybe it would be a good idea to look into the matter. Most folks take it for granted that any school is a good school. But as Professor Weltzinn points out, thousands of rural communities treat the schoolteacher as something less than human. There is an inclination to hire not the best teachers but the cheapest, and to look with contempt upon the man or woman who makes teaching a life-work, because, as everybody knows, there isn't any money in it.

We don't think that is true generally, but it is nearly enough true in many places to make the accusation hurt. Somehow, with all our pride in our schools, most of it seems to be for the buildings rather than for the teaching that goes on inside of them. We have not yet reached the stage of civilization of the European countries, where the school-teacher is the most honored and respected citizen of the community.

**No Foreign Wars**

The spirit in the United States congress was commendable in passing the measure to keep the nation from engaging in wars on any but our own soil. It marks a step in keeping with public opinion, which is very much against this country engaging in war and more especially any European entanglements.

But war is more or less a spontaneous affair and if this nation were to be treated as it was when we entered the World War, public opinion could change overnight. It is too early to forget that maelstrom of chaos that enveloped the world and swept the United States along in its wake, causing this great nation to rapidly assemble an army and rush it to the battlefields in France and on the western front to turn back the advancing armies of the central powers of that age.

But never in the history of this country have people had such a distaste for war as they do in the present day. The World War, which seeming threw the world off economic balance as well as causing the death of many thousands of the best specimens of manhood, has been attributed as the underlying cause of the five-year depression and this has caused the wave of public opinion against another serious conflict.

Then there is a growing tendency for education of the masses to the folly of war and the barbaric methods of settling international disputes by means of wholesale slaughter. The League of Nations, however, has been just as much a failure in handling world problems as its opponents in this country said it would be. Greed, avarice and the devil himself are the factors that cause nations to hurl their young men at each others' throats while those whose purses fatten on the spoils are secure in their rendezvous.

The measure enacted to prohibit ex-

cessive profits during war time will also remove one of the causes of war and the conscription of wealth along with services of men should be another cause for this nation remaining in a state of peace.

**How Much Tax Do You Pay?**

If you have an income of around \$1,500 per year how much of it goes for taxes? Unless you have some taxable property you would say that very little of it goes for taxes but the truth of the matter is you do not know just how much tax you pay because you do not know how much tax is passed on down to you in price of the things you buy with your income.

Ever since taxes were originated people have had the impression that wealth could be taxed without making the little man, or the average man pay, but the truth of the matter is that he will pay directly or indirectly, regardless of where and how the tax is levied.

According to a recent article in the Chicago Daily News your taxes come to about \$480 per year if your income is around \$2,000.

One hundred and twenty dollars of this represents taxes included in your rent—the landlord pays them and passes the cost on to you. Ninety-six dollars is included in the price of your family's food—the farmer, the processor, the distributor and retailer pay them, and they become part of the cost of everything in the grocery store. Twenty-four dollars is included in the clothing, furniture and similar items you and your dependents purchase—here again, manufacturers, middlemen and retailers are all heavily taxed and must pass their taxes on to the public.

This totals \$240. Finally, says Mr. Munger, other indirect tax burdens that affect the cost of living are estimated to take \$240 more out of your family's \$2,080 annual income. On a percentage basis, as a result, you pay almost twenty per cent of all you earn to government.

Too many people have accepted the fanciful theory that the rich pay all the taxes while the rest of us get the benefits for nothing.

No one escapes taxes—no one ever will. And the average man, with a small or medium-sized income, would gain from retrenchment in tax levies, regardless of the guise under which they may be labeled.

**Sunday School Lesson**

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

**CHRIST THE SAVIOUR**

Lesson for April 14th. John 3:14-17. Golden Text: John 3:16.

Luther called our Golden Text the "little gospel," meaning that it briefly summarizes the whole glorious message of the Christian revelation. "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that no one who believes in Him should be lost, but that they should all have eternal life." Here we read the Good News of a Saviour!

What do we find in this Saviour? First of all we discover the world's most satisfying idea of God. To Jesus God was infinitely good, merciful, patient. Such a God dignifies and glorifies life. For if God is good, then life is good.

Secondly we find in our Saviour the world's most satisfying idea of man. What a faith he had in his fellow men, even the most unpromising! Browning accidentally picked up an old yellow volume from a book stall in Florence, and was inspired by its cruel tale to write his greatest poem. Jesus did something more momentous. He took simple fishermen, and many a soul bruised and beaten in life's battle, and made them over into precious servants of God.

Then, too, we detect in the life and teachings of the Saviour the world's loftiest ideals of conduct. His ethical principles are the noblest we have. "Attempt to reach righteousness by any way except that of Jesus," wrote Matthew Arnold, "and you will find out your mistake."

We discover also in this Saviour the world's most impressive exhibition of unselfish sacrifice. There is a noble devotion exacted by war. Yet the soldier, alas, must taint his soul with evil. The sacrifice of Jesus, by contrast, was pure as the morning dew, utterly unselfish.

Finally, we win from our Saviour a new life, life that is eternal, independent of the flesh, not bounded by the accidents of time we call birth and death. He it is who brings life and immortality to light through the everlasting gospel.

A phonograph blared a jazz tune as the king of Siam announced his abdication. Well, he can always say he was driven to it.—Charleston Mail.

Just to make it a fair fight why'n't Mussolini send all those Sicilian Black Hands against the Ethiopians?—Nashville Tennessean.

The administration wants the people to use their influence with congress. We've used ours, and now look at us.—San Diego Union.

**'Deacon Dubbs' Ferguson Play**

Faculty Play Will Be Presented At High School On Friday Evening

FERGUSON, April 8. — Mr. and Mrs. McCleary, of Greensboro, Vermont, arrived here Friday afternoon from Lakeland, Fla., and are visiting at the home of Miss Janie Spicer. They have been spending the winter in Florida and are on their way back to Vermont. They are neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Wilson who are spending some time with Mrs. Wilson's aunt, Miss Spicer.

The faculty play of the Ferguson school will be presented at the school building next Friday night we are advised. The name of the play is "Deacon Dubbs" which is a very popular rural comedy in three acts. A real entertainment awaits those who attend and a good attendance is expected.

We regret to learn that our colored friend, Thomas Zade Horton, is very sick. Zade has always been a very hard working, industrious person and we are hoping for him an early recovery.

Mrs. Jim Ferguson, of the Beaver Creek section was a visitor in the Wilkesboros last Saturday.

The incessant rains recently have put our roads in this section in a very bad condition and some assistance from the state highway forces would be greatly appreciated. There are lots of gravel in the river and creeks, very accessible, that is doing no good where it is, and would be a real standby to the motorist and truck drivers if placed on the roads.

Mr. W. H. McGuire has moved his family to the north side of the river near old Elkville in order that he might be more accessible to the school.

Quite a number of folks attended the Adventist fifth Sunday S. S. convention at Tabernacle church near Lenoir last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Miller, of Laurel Springs, Alleghany county, spent the week-end with Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Proffit, of Denay.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Miller, of Denney, recently returned from an extended trip to Washington, D. C. and to several points in Virginia.

It should be a consolation and a great deal of satisfaction to any one to reach an advanced age with a life well spent and with a reasonable financial success. Such is the history of our good friend and neighbor, Larkin Hall, who resides on a well kept farm in Elk Creek valley. In visiting Mr. Hall we find that he has most of the modern conveniences, such as running water, a fair sized dairy herd, a very creditable flock of brown Leghorn chickens, all of which have operated very materially to his financial independence and happiness. Mr. Hall has lived a very quiet and unassuming life with his name seldom appearing in public print, now and then being called to jury duty, always with Mrs. Hall assuming their responsibilities as citizens.

Mountain farmers of Graham county have purchased 5,800 pounds of lespedeza seed for demonstration plantings this season.

NOTICE. In the District Court of the United States for the Middle District of North Carolina, United States of America, Libellant, vs 25,500 pounds of sugar, 2100 pounds of rye meal, chops and shorts, 800 pounds of barley malt, 3 59-gallon barrels of black molasses, 150 dozen half gallon glass fruit jars, and 1 25-ft. rubber hose. In obedience to a writ of attachment to me directed, in the above entitled cause, I have seized and taken into my possession the following described materials, to wit: 25,500 pounds of sugar, 2100 pounds of rye meal, chops and shorts, 800 pounds of barley malt, 3 59-gallon barrels of black molasses, 150 dozen half gallon glass fruit jars, and 1 25-ft. rubber hose. For the cause set forth in the libel now pending in the U. S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina at Greensboro, I hereby give notice to all persons claiming the said described materials, of knowing or having anything to say why the same should not be condemned and forfeited and the proceeds thereof distributed according to the prayer of the libel, that they be and appear before the said Court, to be held in and for the Middle District of North Carolina, at the United States Court Room, in the city of Greensboro, on the 15th day of April, 1935 at 10 o'clock a. m. If the same shall be a day of jurisdiction, otherwise on the next day of jurisdiction thereafter, then and there to interpose a claim for the same, and to make their allegations in that behalf. Wm. T. DOWD, United States Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina.

**Adolph S. Ochs, Publisher Of New York Times, Passes**

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 8.—Adolph S. Ochs, 77, publisher of the New York Times and the Chattanooga Times, died suddenly here late today of a cerebral hemorrhage. In precarious health for the last three years, the man who started carrying newspapers as an 11-year-old boy in Knoxville and became one of the world's best known newspaper publishers, was stricken suddenly while attending a luncheon in a downtown restaurant. He was rushed to Newell San-

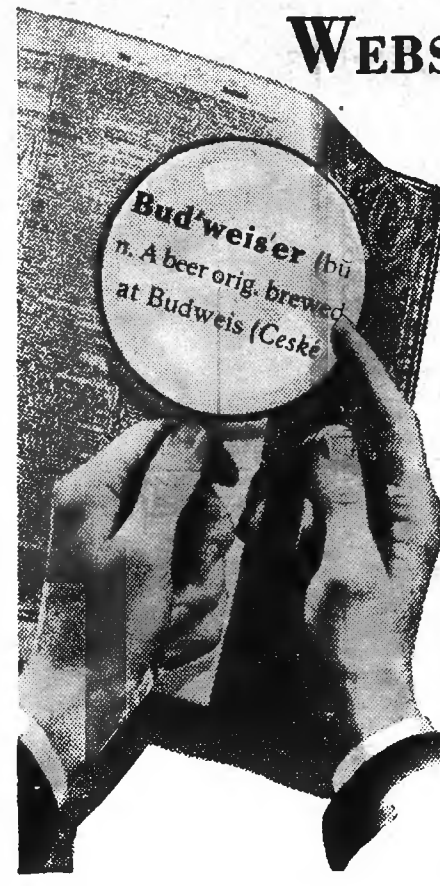
**State Prison Population Increased In First Quarter**

Raleigh, April 8.—North Carolina's state prison population increased by 566 during the first quarter of 1935. Jack Roach, head of the penal division, reported today. There were 7,929 prisoners in various state units January 1

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