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Building To Burn

The first five minutes of a fire are more important than the next five hours.

T. Alfred Fleming, of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, quotes a number of instances of fires which became uncontrollable within an incredibly short time after their discovery. For example, a clothing factory in an Eastern city took fire at 2:30. By 2:35 the building was such an inferno that firemen could not endure the radiated heat across the street and 35 factory employes had already been cremated.

The main remedy for this condition is safer construction. It is much cheaper to fight a fire at the architectural drawing board than at the hydrant. But safer construction cannot be achieved until building codes in towns, large and small, are revised and modernized. Not long ago a review was made of the building codes in 281 municipalities containing 81 per cent of the population of a state. An alarming proportion of these codes were found to be inadequate and out of date.

New discoveries bring new hazards. Air-conditioning, for example, breeds fire hazards not provided for in the codes of 99 out of 100 cities, according to Mr. Fleming. A truly adequate building code must cover such contingencies as this. Improper ventilating systems are another prime cause of fires. In recent years there have been a score or more of total loss fires in schools where ventilating systems were completely responsible.

Fire Prevention Week, which begins today, should inspire every community to scientifically examine its code in the light of needed revision—and if it has no code, to start preparing one. Don't build to burn!

Mobilizing Against Accidents

Ten thousand men and women will mobilize for war on accidents at the Twenty-sixth National Safety Congress and Exposition which will be held from October 11th to 15th in Kansas City, Missouri.

Accidents—which killed 111,000 Americans and injured ten million in 1936—will be given microscopic study. More than 400 speakers will discuss accident prevention in the home, on the farm, on streets and highways, in industry, in schools, in the air and at sea. The meeting will attract accident prevention experts and students from every corner of the United States and a number of foreign countries.

The work that is done at this Congress can be of immense potential value, if the public will cooperate. But the best plan in the world can do little if the attitude of public indolence toward the hazards that menace life and property continues. The finest accident prevention program ever devised is relatively useless without enthusiastic public cooperation and support. The most complete surveys of the cause of accidents are valueless if no attention is paid to them. Final public benefit will rest with the public—John Jones' life can't be saved if John Jones is too lazy to help.

Accident prevention is an individual problem. It is up to each of us to take the simple steps that suffice to prevent the bulk of accidents, minor and major, within the home, in business, on the highways or elsewhere. Passing the buck doesn't work.

This coming Safety Congress will be the largest and most important ever held. Experts and humanitarians will do everything in their power in the interest of saving us from death and injury, but the final answer must be made by the people.

Modern School System

W. F. Credle, state director of school-house planning, told a conference of school committeemen that an expenditure of \$350,000 would be needed to modernize the school system of Wilkes county and to provide equal opportunities to all children.

Wilkes is a big and spacious county extending from the piedmont section on the east to the summit of the Blue Ridge on the north and west. The trouble with school transportation is that it progressed ahead of the road system.

Further transportation of school children in Wilkes county is impractical without more-improved secondary roads. It is gratifying to know that the road system is beginning to keep in step with progress in the schools.

As to school housing facilities it is clear that no more bonded debt needs to be saddled on the county. Yet some building additions are sorely needed, Wilkesboro being an example.

It is clear that the county must spend for school buildings. A tax levy of 10 or 15 cents per year for this purpose will be by far the most economical. Long term bonds means payment over a longer payment of time but at the interest rate demanded of Wilkes it eventually means paying two prices.

Suppose that a half dozen buildings projects are needed and that they cost an average of 20,000 each. By direct levy each year for one project at a time the cost would be \$120,000. By long term bonds at six per cent interest they would cost \$240,000. The cash method has every advantage.

Good Marriage Law

New York has a marriage law that is destined to halt some of the hasty marriages that frequently end in the divorce courts.

A marriage license is not valid until 72 hours (three days) after it is issued.

No doubt it was written to put an end to marriage of drunks. All too frequently two young people would decide to get married when the intoxicating spirits inside of them had more to do with their decision than love or anything else. Such marriages almost inevitably land on the rocks.

Borrowed Comment

THE CASE

(The Washington Star)

He was spouting with great vigor against corporal punishment for boys, which he declared never did any good. "Take my own case," he exclaimed. "I was never caned but once in my life and that was for speaking the truth."

"Well," retorted somebody in the audience, "It cured you."

FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHY

By C. M. DICKSON

The "political highway" does not reach all the way to the "New Jerusalem." Haman found out that building a gallows for the other fellow was not a profitable business.

When autocracy steps in at one door, democracy goes out at the other.

A "machinist" is all right for a car, but he may let the government run away with him.

Advice given by a lawyer is usually remembered whether or not it is worthwhile—the price helps to fix it indelibly.

When pride, passion and prejudice rule, right and reason topple from the throne.

Not every one who is tried before the tribunal of fate will be termed "work-crazy."

The devil is all right if you can keep him on the right track.

The higher order of monkeys cannot be blamed for being slow to claim kin with all their progeny.

Even though a lie is clothed in pajamas, it is a lie just the same.

One real good foreman is worth a large number of sorry "hindmen."

Not every one that holds out his hand and sayeth, "Master, Master, I want a job," can get one. The "elect" have preference.

It is no more incorrect to say, "you was there," than it is to say, "he am here."

Some real common things have become so uncommon that they are almost obsolete.

If, as Emerson says, "I am a part of all I have met," I should better be able, in the future, to judge my contacts.

Greater love hath no slave for his master than to let his master continually dominate him.

There is no record that Christ ever lobbied for special interests—he drove them from the temple.

A surplus of platitudes and fine-spun theories do not all the time produce bread and butter.

The policy of majority rule is right, but to the minority we owe our greatest strides in civilization.

An "intimidated democracy" will eventually perish among its worshippers and the ruins therefrom cannot be resurrected.

If for no other reason, a family should stay united in order to fight a "common enemy."

Local Officials To Get Benefits Of Institute Soon

Officials and Employees of All Towns Will Be Participants-Beneficiaries

More than 1200 city and county officials assembled in four district meetings of the Institute of Government last week and approved plans for schools of practical government in North Carolina with systematic training courses designed to reach officials and employees in every city hall and county courthouse in North Carolina.

Practical texts and guidebooks have been written and training courses have already been launched for law enforcing officers, including city police, township constables, county sheriffs, state patrolmen and city and county judges and solicitors, 400 of whom attended the opening schools held last week. The district schools for law enforcing officers will be continued at 30-day intervals during the next ten months.

Practical texts and guidebooks have been written and training courses have already been launched for city and county tax supervisors, list takers and assessors, tax collectors, purchasing agents and city and county managers and attorneys.

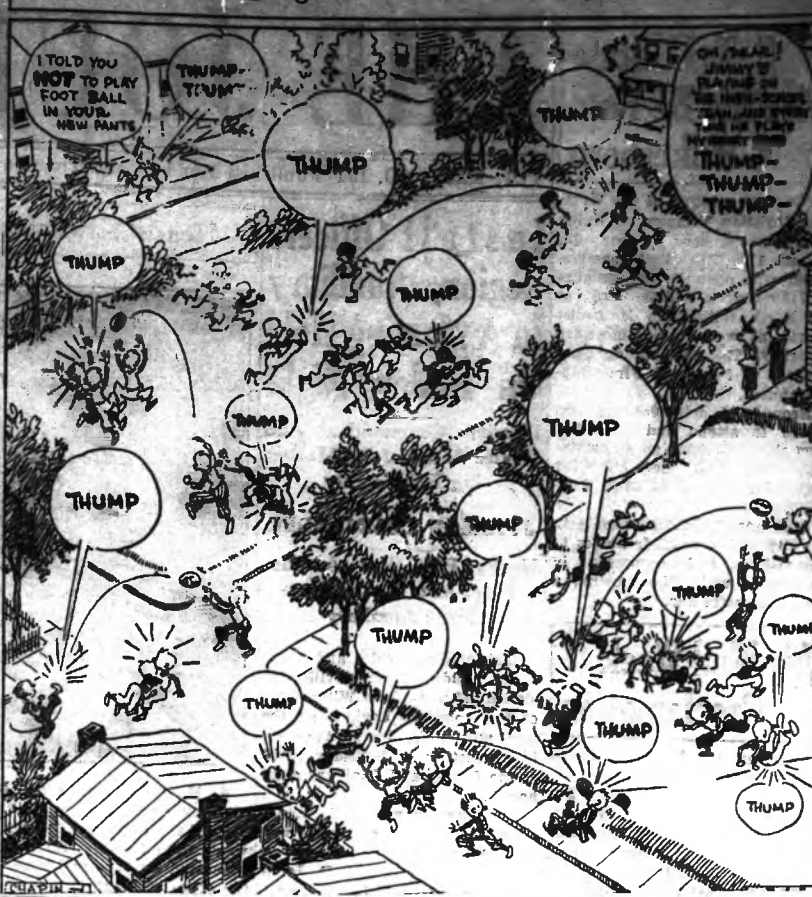
Practical texts and guidebooks have been written and training courses have already been held for court officials, including the Registers of Deeds and Clerks of Court. Guidebooks are in process of preparation for city clerks, city and county finance officers, city councilmen and county commissioners, with training schools for these groups expected to get under way during the coming year.

This program of writing textbooks and holding training schools will be continued until all groups of city and county officials in North Carolina are participating in training schools.

The officials of this town, along with the officials and employees of all other cities and counties in this section, will be participants and beneficiaries in this program.

Governor Hoey, Lieutenant Governor Horton, and the leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties have thrown their weight behind the program of the Institute of Government and emphasized its non-partisan nature. They pointed out in the meetings held last week that it was the first time in American history that leaders of opposing political parties have joined together to endorse and approve a program of governmental training, and that it was also the first time that officials from cities and counties performing all types of governmental duties have joined together in a unified program of governmental education and training.

October Theme Song — by A. B. CHAPIN



State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Question: How can peanuts be stacked to prevent spoilage?

Answer: The stack should be built so that the nuts are not exposed to the weather and finished in such a way that water will not run down the center. Canvas hay caps are recommended for use on top of the stack. Nail two cross arms on the center pole 12 inches from the top to keep the vines off the ground. Loose soil in the stack will also cause damage to the pads and nuts and for this reason the ground should be fairly dry when the peanuts are dug.

More than 3,000 special events are being arranged for the 1937 Golden Gate International Exposition, an average of more than ten a day for 288 days.

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