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## Don't Kill Children

The opening of schools throughout the state drew this week from Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, a reminder that pedestrian fatalities among school-age children have taken an upward trend in North Carolina in the past few years.

"As a matter of fact," the safety director stated, the percentage of pedestrian deaths in the school-age group in this state is more than double the percentage of pedestrian fatalities in all age groups."

During the 1937-38 school year, he pointed out, a total of 91 school-age children were killed on North Carolina streets and highways. Of these, 58 were pedestrians that is, they were walking to and from school, playing in the street or roadway, and running into the street. This was approximately 64 per cent of the total fatalities in that age group.

During the 1938-39 school term, 79 school-age children were killed. This was a 13 per cent reduction from the 91 killed the previous school year. But—67 of the 79 fatalities were pedestrians, this representing 84 per cent of the total number.

During the 1939-40 school year, 56 of the 71 school-age children killed in traffic accidents were pedestrians, this being 80 per cent of the total.

"This high ratio of pedestrian fatalities among school-age children is most alarming," Safety Director Hocutt said, "especially in view of the fact that only about 35 per cent of all traffic accident victims in the state and nation are pedestrians."

"These figures speak for themselves," he added, "in challenging parents of all school-age children to train their children not to play in the street and not to run into the street or road or attempt to cross without first looking both ways to be sure the way is clear."

## Consumer Profits Here

Today much of the world faces the grim specter of famine. But here in the United States we still have the blessing of plenty.

A Department of Agriculture survey shows that abundant supplies of nearly all foodstuffs will be available for the coming year. Increases in production of edible fats and oils are expected to continue. The fresh fruit supply will be slightly above last year, and large wheat and rice crops are anticipated. In the case of most foods, there will be enough to meet all domestic requirements and to provide surpluses for export.

Other surveys indicate that the demands of war material production in our factories will not seriously dislocate production of consumer goods. We may have to do without a few manufactured luxuries as time goes on, but there will be plenty of the necessities.

If our productive facilities are to prove of maximum benefit to the consumer, another factor must enter in—and that factor is the distributor. Abundance on the farm is wasted unless the crops can be delivered to the buyer at minimum cost. And efficiency in the factory can be offset by inefficiency and waste in distribution.

But the consumer need not worry. The American distribution machine, like the American productive machine, is the most efficient in the world. Our competitive system, with all kinds of distributors, chain and independent, seeking to outserve each other, must be given credit for this. When you enter a store and make a purchase you're getting more for your money, all things considered, than the buyer in any other nation.

Some fellow who should know says it takes 1,500 nuts to hold an automobile together, but only one to scatter it all over the landscape.

## Death In Mexico

A man named Leon Trotsky was murdered in Mexico City the other day. His death teaches no lesson except that those who live by violence usually perish by violence. But his life carries its moral for all Americans and all men of good will to read.

Perhaps more than any other individual of our times, Trotsky represented the view that theories of government could be applied wholesale and made to change the economic habits of single countries and then, ultimately, of the whole world. He preached destruction of existing systems, promising that after the old ways had been discarded the new ways that replaced them would mean "a heaven on earth" for all the earth's people. But the only part of Trotsky's program that bore real fruit was the destructive one.

What is the lesson involved? Surely it is this:

Theorists invariably feel that if they had their way they could remake society in very short order. It is their conception that the end justifies any means. They are not content with the slow progress of peaceful business and commerce, wherein through orderly production the number of goods and services used by the average person is steadily increased. Out of books and theories, they want to change everything in a single day.

All theorists are not as ruthless and inhuman as was Trotsky. But all are more or less victims of the same poison; all are willing to destroy instead of produce, feeling that after the "class struggles" and the regimentation and the wreckage are over, they can build a perfect society.

Trotsky lived long enough to see the world chaos that his theories achieved. He was probably too sure of his own genius to admit his error. But Americans can see the tragic results of his way—and are not likely to succumb easily to the argument that "the end justifies the means!"

## We Replace "Toy Weapons"

In National Guard maneuvers currently in progress in the United States, soldiers simulated real warfare with toy weapons made from gaspipes and blocks of wood. Similarly, Army trucks bore placards to indicate that they were supposed to be "tanks."

These episodes should remind Americans of practical problems that must be realistically faced.

A modern army is only as strong as the war materials it possesses. Only industry can provide the nation with arms. And it faces a tremendous job.

To perform that job most successfully industry needs public help and public understanding of its problems. The present clamor for raising an army should not obscure the extremely pressing problem of arming our soldiers.

The unequivocal support that industry is giving our national defense program is a matter of fact and record. In connection with it, remembering the picture of real men drilling with toy guns and riding in mythical tanks, we need constant reminders that the manufacturing job is a primary one in American national defense today.

## NO WORRY ABOUT WORRY!

James Truslow Adams, American historian, believes that the man worries more than his ancestors and the ancients.

He thinks that we are softer, no longer accepting suffering as the order of nature. In a recent issue of The Rotarian, he expresses the view that this is due to the non-use of nervous centers controlling physical emotion and the over-use of intellectual nerve centers.

Mr. Adams finds that people today are somewhat afraid because they are less self-reliant and blames newspapers and radios for playing up the "horror" angle.

Anyway, even according to the historian, there is no use to worry about worry, because man makes progress just the same.—Ex.

## WHY NOT PRAISE VIRTUES?

One of the traits of human beings is the habit of criticizing others.

Nearly every individual can find some fault with friends and relatives. This is an art that is easy too of seeing good in others. Everybody has excellent qualities, regardless of their faults, and it might better all around if we attempted to discover virtues rather than faults.

Human nature being what it is there is a natural tendency to overestimate our own virtues, which we know and take pride in, and to completely lose sight of similar virtues in others, of which we know not.

It is impossible, despite the magicians, to look at an individual and read his mind, much less his soul. Why take the chance?—Ex.

## Dellaplane and Roaring River Route 2 News

ROARING RIVER, Route 2, Sept. 3.—Mrs. Alice Shipwash Love, who died Wednesday and was buried Friday at Antioch, was a unique and noted character of this neighborhood and will be missed.

Services were held Saturday and Sunday at Antioch and Sunday at the Roaring River Methodist church.

Col. Stanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, with Mrs. Martin and their son were in Wilkes Sunday afternoon viewing the flooded area and visited Mrs. B. L. Johnson, an old schoolmate of Mr. Martin.

An unusually successful revival closed at Antioch Aug. 25. The pastor, Rev. Edd O. Miller, was assisted by Rev. Mr. Wilcox.

After sawing there 14 months and ten days, Mr. R. G. Edmisten finished sawing the boundary of timber at the old Tilley place for the American Furniture Co. last Wednesday afternoon. His 17th and last yard was just behind the stable.

Mrs. J. E. Mabe, wife, Va., and Messrs. Tom and Mike Shipwash, of Pulaaki, or near there, visited their sister, Mrs. Alice Love, two days before her death.

After the flood Mrs. Lella Staley and children moved to the old Jack Staley place.

Mrs. Emma V. Martin, of Bluefield, wrote Thursday of last week her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lillian Bailey Mastin, was not expected to live through the day. She was suffering from cancer.

Both are sisters-in-law of Mrs. D. S. Lane and Mrs. Laura Linney. Because their first revival was somewhat dampened by the flood, the colored people held another last week at the church, Union Grove.

Mrs. Cecelia Lane, of North Wilkesboro, has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Laura Linney. Her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mobley brought her down last Sunday.

Mrs. B. L. Johnson and Mrs. Geo. R. Johnson visited Misses Ida and Lou Parks and others Sunday afternoon and viewed the flood damage at Mr. Felix Staley's store.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bell and three children expect to move to Mr. Silas W. Johnson's place as

## Provisions Of New Seed Act Explained

Declarations as to the variety of seed shipped in interstate commerce are subject to inspection by Federal inspectors under the new Federal Seed Act, A. D. Stuart, State College seed specialist, cautions.

The regulations under the act provide for the issuance by growers of declarations as to variety for seed which cannot be distinguished from other varieties by seed characteristics. It is usually possible for seed dealers to sell seed, labeled as to variety, for a higher price than seed of which the variety is unknown, Stuart says.

"Seedsmen, in purchasing supplies for the coming year, will no doubt request farmers to sign declarations of variety," the State College specialist continued. "A farmer should feel free to sign a grower's declaration, if he knows the variety of the seed. Since the declarations are subject to inspection, along with other records, under the Federal Seed Act, the grower is advised to retain any records or other evidence on which he relied in making the declaration. If the grower does not know definitely the variety of the seed, he should not sign a declaration."

Stuart also called attention to the new regulations which will hereafter prohibit the use of the term "Affidavit Grimm alfalfa" with which many farmers are familiar. "The new Federal Act will not allow the use of this name in full because the word 'affidavit' is no part of the name of the seed which the law requires should be given," he explained. "From now on the words 'Grimm Alfalfa' will appear on bags of seed of this variety."

In conclusion, the specialist said that the new law is expected to protect farmers against buying inferior seed, and by knowing the variety of the seed, they will receive more money for them.

## Police Prosecutor Finds Self Guilty

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 4.—Roland Buehrer, assistant police prosecutor, held a conversation with himself in court. It cost him \$1. He said:

"Roland Buehrer you are charged with violating a traffic ordinance, parking a car with improper lighting. Are you guilty or not guilty?"

He answered himself: "Guilty."

## Four Children Perish In Fire

Four children aged 4, 5, 6 and 7 perished in a fire which broke out in a four-room frame home in which they slept. They apparently were not even awakened by the fire, according to their grand uncle, Deputy Sheriff Andrew Adams.

They were Ray Adams, six; Dart, five; Fern, three, and Ethel Adams, one and one-half, children of Mr. and Mrs. Hyrum R. Adams.

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