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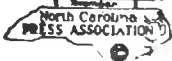
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Too Late To Save

We are all familiar with the old adage about "locking the door after the horse gets out." That seems to be the policy of the authorities who place signs to regulate traffic at dangerous points on the highways.

For years there were only the small signs indicating the intersection of highways 421 and 16 at Millers Creek. Four persons lost their lives in one awful accident there. Then the authorities got busy and erected a large stop sign across one of the highways to take care of the situation, but not until AFTER four lives had been lost.

The highway from Moravian Falls turns into Cherry street in Wilkesboro at right angles and that is where a terrible accident happened Sunday. We do not at the time of this writing know what the death toll may be. But we hazard a guess that the danger of the spot will be properly marked—AFTER the damage already has been done in one instance.

The driver of the car was arrested and jailed on charges of driving drunk and reckless driving AFTER the tragedy occurred.

The accident toll in North Carolina will continue to rise as long as measures and precautions are taken AFTER, instead of BEFORE, lives are killed.

And, speaking of highway intersections, it appears to the casual observer that there are not adequate signs at the intersection at Moravian Falls and that the stop sign is on the wrong road. Maybe, we are wrong but if we are, we would like to know in what respect we err.

More Safety Thoughts

"Scores of North Carolinians now looking forward to a vacation period of rest and peace this summer will 'Rest in Peace' when the vacation season comes to a close."

Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, made this dire prediction in speaking of what apparently is going to happen on North Carolina streets and highways this summer.

"I dislike being a pessimist and viewing with alarm," he said, "but unless the current upward trend in traffic accidents is unexpectedly checked, we may expect to see around 300 persons killed in traffic accidents in the state from Memorial Day (May 30) to Labor Day (September 1)."

There were 208 traffic fatalities in the state last summer, 62 in June, 64 in July, and 82 in August, he pointed out. The toll this year, however, is running around 50 per cent above that of last year.

"It is horrible to contemplate," he said, "that three hundred North Carolinians who are living today will die between now and summer's end as a result of the careless, reckless and thoughtless actions of their fellow citizens."

"I earnestly appeal to drivers, pedestrians, bicycle riders and all others who travel upon our streets and highways to be on their guard in traffic this summer as never before. Vacationists must not be in too big a hurry, must not drink and drive, and must put their minds on what they are doing at all times when in traffic."

"Unless these things are done, many people in our state this summer will go on a vacation that will last for eternity."

Prosperity will have arrived when a restaurant pie has only four cuts.—Greenville Piedmont.

Old Dobbin has his faults but you never saw another horse hitched in front pulling him to the barn for repairs.—Greensboro (Ga.) Herald-Journal.

As for the Italian boot, the shape is Mussolini's but the kick is Hitler's.—

Borrowed Comment

THE DAY IS OVER—COMMENCEMENT DAY, WE MEAN

(Mecklenburg Times)

We are concerned about the high school graduates of this year. While it is true that many of them will go to college next fall, it is also true that many will be unable to pursue what is called higher education in institutions of learning and must learn the hard way without benefit of textbook and teacher.

None need stop learning. In fact, they are merely ready to begin the best studying of their lives, whether in a classroom or on a job. Each can teach us much and whether we learn depends upon ourselves. We are hoping that no young person gives way to discouragement if college seems beyond the grasp at present.

Work is a necessity; a college diploma is highly desirable, but not absolutely essential to success. Get it, if you can; if not, get a job of some sort and work at it. You need what it can give in several ways.

OUR TEETH NEED DRILLING

(Baltimore News-Post)

It is now apparent that Young America, during the Depression Decade, didn't go to the dentist often enough.

Striking proof of this, as cited by a round-table discussion at the New York Academy of Medicine, lies in the high percentage of draft prospects now being rejected for defective teeth. The percentage is four times higher than in World War drafts—which followed a decade of normal prosperity.

Skipping regular visits to the dentist's chair during hard times is, of course, only part of the story. Improper nutrition, faulty diets—inevitable during economic upheavals—are contributing factors.

Whatever the causes, the younger generation now faces some hard "drilling" that will not take place on an Army parade ground.

That circulating library no longer urges patrons to "treat this book as though it were your own." Too many did so.—Buffalo Evening News.

According to one nazi theory, Hess flew off to Britain on a kind of hallucinatory peace mission—a psychic bid, so to speak.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

History is not what men wait for. It is what they do.—Christian Science Monitor.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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PERSEVERANCE

Life's better way is the way of perseverance. When you are right, stick to it. When you are pursuing the right course, keep on. It is easy to get discouraged and give up. No doubt many great men and women have been defeated in some good and worthwhile things, aims, plans, purposes and undertakings all because they lack perseverance. They gave up too soon. They quit before success crowned their efforts and lives.

A man with a small talent and a great deal of perseverance may accomplish much more than a man with great talents and little perseverance. You've got to simply hold on and hold out, stick to your job and stick to your post, hammer and pound away when it seems slow progress. Little by little you will win out. Inch by inch and step by step you will climb the hill and ascend the mountain.

Many years ago I used to cut timber in the mountains of western North Carolina where we had the giant oaks and chestnut, sugar maple and hickory. In starting to fall the great trees it seemed slow and tedious. Stroke after stroke, stroke after stroke, on and on, while little chips would fly, or small sawdust come forth from the saw, but after while the mighty tree would begin to tremble, crack and pop, then a mighty crash would break the silence of the hills and mountains and almost shake the earth about us. Little strokes, and keeping at it, brought the great timber to the ground.

Thus it is with gigantic obstacles we meet, contend with and have to overcome in life. It takes time; it takes grit; it takes patience; it takes determination; it takes tremendous perseverance. Many a man today lacks education because he lacked perseverance in early life. Many a man is down in life, down low, and down to stay, because he lacks perseverance in his endeavors to rise. He quits too soon even if he starts to rise. He gives up ere the battle is fought and the victory won. Be persevering. This is life's better way. Especially is perseverance necessary in living the Christian life. It is an absolute essential toward overcoming all sin and evil, iniquity and wickedness, and for the obtaining and retaining of all godliness, righteousness and holiness, with the reward of life eternal in heaven. Be a man, be a wo-

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

WHIMSICAL DIGEST

"Well, don't let it occur again," is what the teacher told the little boy who was late when he told the teacher that his father fell and broke a leg.

The little fellow who was told by his father that his every wrong act put a gray hair in his head told his father to take a look at grandpa and wonder what kind of a boy he was before he grew old.

Girls who want to get honesty, good looks, money, strength, courage, manliness and intelligence when they marry must remember that the law allows only one husband at a time.

The beggar asked 30 cents to get to where his family was—at the movies.

Children know all the answers. When asked if there was hot water at his house the boy said there was and that he was in it practically all the time.

Cavities in teeth feel so large to the tongue because the tongue has a tendency to exaggerate.

"Horseback riding gives me a headache."

"Quite the contrary with me, old dear."

Moose City Of Childhood To Hold Exercises

Seventy-Two Orphan Boys and Girls To Graduate From School June 14

Maurice Walsh, Governor, and Tam L. Shumaker, Secretary of North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 243, together with the Board of Officers and Committeemen, announce that they will join with all other units of the Moose Fraternity in adopting a large class of candidates as a testimonial to the 72 students who will graduate on June 14th from the famous Moose City of Childhood located at Mooseheart, Illinois. The graduating class this year comprises 47 boys and 25 girls all sons and daughters of deceased members of the Loyal Order of Moose. Some of these young men and women on graduating from Mooseheart will leave the only home some of them have ever known, ready to take their places in the world as good and useful members of modern society. Their education, training and welfare has been given to them at the famous Child City through the assistance of the almost one half million members of the Loyal Order of Moose.

The members of this year's graduating class hail from 25 States and one Canadian Province, and represent the 23rd group to be graduating from Mooseheart since 1919 when the original class of 5 boys completed their training there. Since that time 1,535 boys and girls, all orphaned through the death of their fathers, have been graduated. The average time of residence at the Child City for these youngsters has been 10 years and 4 months, and the average age at graduation is 18 years and 3 months. During their stay at Mooseheart each child is equipped with a high school education and is taught proficiency in one or more of the 23 practical trades taught there.

Founded on the banks of the Fox River, Illinois just 35 miles west of Chicago on July 27th, 1913, Mooseheart has grown from a prairie farm to a complete and beautiful city within itself. It is comprised of more than 175 fire-proof, modern buildings, including homes, stores, schools, vocational shops, offices, church facilities, farm buildings and splendid public utilities system. Thousands of fine shade and fruit trees dot the beautiful landscape and are arranged along the well paved streets making the Child City have the appearance of a vast park. Mooseheart represents an investment of more than \$26,000,000 and its administration calls for a yearly budget of almost \$1,000,000.

The young citizens of Mooseheart number almost 1,000 normal children where hospitalization and health service is primarily one of preventive medicine rather than of cure. In employing this method the health records of Mooseheart indicate that its mortality rate is lower than that of any similar community of its kind in the world.

Pilgrimages to the Moose Shrine of Childhood will be made by many outstanding fraternalists in this vicinity over the period of June 14th and 15th.

Selectees Asking Who's Graduating

Fort Bragg, May 23.—Who's graduating from these training camps, the trainees or the colonels?

13,000 trainees in Fort Bragg's Field Artillery Replacement Training Center were asking that question today.

Trainee graduation is supposed to be only a few weeks off in the Replacement Center. Yet, yesterday evening the 3rd FARTC Regiment marched in a farewell parade—retreat—to bid adieu to itself? No! But to honor its departing commander, Lt. Col. H. S. Struble. He leaves Sunday to join the new 47th Field Artillery Regiment.

And tomorrow morning, the same phenomenon will occur at the 5th FARTC Regiment. They will parade, not to bid adieu to themselves either. They will salute Lt. Col. C. M. Busbee, their commander, who leaves on Sunday for the 79th Field Artillery Regiment.

And these are not the only departures of FARTC Colonels. Lt. Col. E. A. Erickson will join the "47th Field Artillery"; Lt. Col. H. Harding and Lt. Col. J. C. Cook will join the "36th Field Artillery"; Lt. Col. J. C. Hughes and Lt. Col. E. A. O'Hair will leave for the "17th Field Artillery"; and Lt. Col. R. L. Gerwald is to move on to the "72nd Field Artillery."

Since the trainees' own graduations are so near in time—and so near to their hearts, too—they are not liking all this one bit. They complain that these "graduating" colonels are stealing their thunder!

Decoration At Center Baptist Church 8th

People of Center Baptist church are asked to meet Thursday, June 5th, eight a. m. to work on cemetery, for the decoration service which will be Sunday, June 8. Everyone is invited.

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