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School Attendance

It has been called to our attention that there are many parents in Wilkes county who deliberately refuse to keep their children in school.

There is a law which says parents must send their children to school regularly and each day that a child is not in school without a legal excuse represents a violation of the law on the part of its parents.

But so much for the law, which is not enforced.

Parents should welcome the opportunity to send their children to school and it is a shame and hardly short of a disgrace that there are sufficient parents in the state who will not keep their children in school to warrant passing a law.

It is a reflection on their intelligence, if any.

We have had campaigns of various types. It now appears that the time is ripe for a campaign of education among parents on the importance of sending their children to school regularly. By regularly we mean every day when it is practical to send the child and we would not call one, two, three or even four days per week regular.

Aircraft Courses

All public spirited people in this community welcome the news that a course in aircraft sheet metal work and riveting will begin on March 2nd at the North Wilkesboro school.

The course is for boys and men from 17 3-4 years of age and up. In six weeks or less any person with any aptitude for that type of work can become sufficiently trained to enable him to handle a job in an aircraft plant.

Saturday the employment office received an order from an aircraft plant wanting 3,000 trained men from aircraft schools such as will begin here.

The school will give men an opportunity to become trained men from aircraft schools such as will begin here.

The school will give men an opportunity to become trained to served Uncle Sam in the factories.

What Can You Do?

These men who are leaving local jobs to seek employment in defense centers should first talk to some who have been there and get a first hand picture of conditions which exists where Uncle Sam is arming.

This is not meant to discourage any trained workmen from taking jobs in defense industries. This nation needs those trained workers and those who can do a job.

job which needs to be done should go do. But we would discourage any laborer who is not qualified for any of the skilled trades from leaving his job or farm here in search of the pot of gold at the rainbow's end.

If you are contemplating going away in search of a defense job call first at the employment office here and learn what types of workmen are needed and what wages will be paid.

It may be that the employment office call will save you much expense and grin disappointment.

Treasure Islands

When we were children most of us dreamed of hunting buried treasure. Today we can make that dream come true. We can really have our treasure hunts. For in every part of the country men and women are digging for valuable metals, searching in unlikely places, scouring their homes and their yards, remembering things they had forgotten and half-forgotten many years ago.

Today our factories need scrap iron, rubber, waste paper, pieces of copper and

other metals. They must have them so that they can produce more steel, more rubber, more weapons.

There's no telling where we'll find the scrap they need. It might be anywhere, for there are treasure islands all around us. Some people have found valuable "junk" tucked away and unremembered in attics, cellars, garages, barns. Employees in one factory even dug up the ground around their plant and uncovered 50 tons of metal in odds and ends that had been thrown away in previous years.

Borrowed Comment

AN EMBARRASSING PICTURE (The Elkin Tribune)

Several aily papers, and it can hardly be calling plugging to name them—The Charlotte News, Greensboro Daily News and Durham Herald, have been giving space to Tom P. Jimison, whose observations about the conduct of the Morganton hospital for the insane during his year's stay in that institution, makes interesting reading. The last of sixteen articles have been printed, and the State has been so aroused about the picture Jimison paints that Governor Broughton is ready to order an investigation. And that will be fine—if the investigators don't carry along a whitewash brush.

Jimison regards the Morganton institution more a prison than a hospital—an impression that will be shared by all who have had occasion to visit there. One does not have to be an inmate to conclude that the State is not doing for its mental unfortunates all it should.

In his inimitable way Jimison has drawn a word picture of the North Carolina Hospital for the Insane, that has brought most of us up with a jerk; because he hasn't seemed to be resentful of his own personal treatment while there; because whenever he consistently could he has sought to soften his wallop for those charged with the administration of affairs, we are willing to believe the unbelievable; to take Jimison's word for it, until he is proved to be in error.

And if he is to be believed, the unfortunate mental cases carried to Morganton, constitute a segregation of human derelicts herded together, not in the hope of cure or rehabilitation, but purely to get them out of the public's hair.

And may we not say this word for those in charge: A great number of cases are entirely hopeless, dangerous unless confined, and therefore the prison aspect is understandable and justified. On the other hand there are many who, under competent supervision and sympathetic treatment, could regain their mentality. Under the condition Jimison describes, a perfectly sane person would soon become demented.

The State itself is partly to blame, for its stinginess, but the entire load cannot be shifted to the State's shoulders. Those in charge could give sympathetic service as, for as their means would allow; could insist on cleanliness, decent food and enough of it, and adequate medical attention that would assure against undue suffering. And if the money was not available to make these things possible, who better than they, could demand enough dollars to do the job right, without waiting for a newspaper man to worm his way into the institution to get the lowdown on conditions there.

HIS GENIUS NEEDED (Winston-Salem Journal)

Wendell Willkie's plea that General Douglas MacArthur be removed somehow from the foxholes of Bataan to serve as Commander-in-Chief of the American Army will find a favorable response in many American minds.

Whether this should be done, or whether MacArthur should be removed, if possible, from the Bataan peninsula to serve as Commander-in-Chief of the American or United Nations forces in the Far East is an issue that will intrigue other students of the war problems confronting the United Nations.

What everybody will agree upon is the obvious necessity of preventing loss of General MacArthur to the Japanese through death or capture.

General MacArthur could fill the post of Commander-in-Chief of any American or Allied force abroad with distinction. He has the native ability, the training, the experience, and the "guts" to stick in there and keep pitching, mixing courage with discretion, imagination and determination.

They pulled no Pearl Harbor on Douglas MacArthur. These qualities deserve more than verbal commendation. They deserve to be utilized in a way that will rebound to the best interests not alone of the Philippines but of the United States and the cause of free men.

Chinese Idolize American Fliers

With American "Volunteer Fliers, in Southwest China (Delayed)—They're devils in the sky and gods on the ground.

The majority are six feet tall and blonde.

"We love our work here and miss only one thing—American blondes," they say.

The Chinese, to whom they brought safety after years of peril, worship them. Dogs tag at their heels. Children beg them for food and money—and get it.

The Japanese fear them.

There, then, is a thumbnail sketch of gallant American youth fighting and dying under the red and-blue banner of China.

Chennault Commander
They are the American volunteer group, commanded by wily, wind-bitten, Col. Claire L. Chennault, retired American air officer who holds the rank of brigadier general in the Chinese army.

Their main job is to protect China's Burma Road lifeline. Now they rule the air above it.

They have the best living quarters in all this part of China. They have hot and cold running water.

Their food is American. There are tennis and basketball courts and baseball diamonds here for them. They have movie shows once a week—but the pictures sometimes are six years old.

The fliers frequently eat in a Chinese restaurant. They consume practically nothing but ham and eggs and pie.

Hundreds of ragged beggars children swarm outside the restaurant. The pilots always bring something out for them to eat.

Most of the fliers wear lumber jackets. I had one on similar to theirs. Beggars tagged behind me shouting:

"Foreign flyman! Foreign flyman! Please give dollar!"

Every mother's son of them owns a mongrel Chinese dog as a mascot.

The Chinese can't do enough for the American heroes.

Refuse Payment
Several times I saw shopkeepers refuse to accept payment from them.

"You, our American friend, protect us," they say.

When they make tours through ancient Chinese cities, the Americans are greeted by cheers everywhere they go.

The pilots—I wish I could give you some of their names but that is impossible—dismiss their fears with a wave of the hand.

"Our planes are much faster than the Japanese," they say. "It is comparatively easy to knock out the Japs with such machines. As soon as the Jap bombers see our pursuits, they drop their bombs and run home with us chasing them."

"Curiously, their bombers are faster than their pursuits. That's probably because the bombers have American engines."

Short of Japs
Their big worry now is that they are running short of Japanese to shoot down.

Colonel Chennault said he needed: 1. More pursuit ships; 2. more bombers; and 3. More Japanese.

In two months, the Americans have driven the Japanese sneak raiders of the Burma Road to cover.

"Part of our success," he said, "is due to our mobility. The Japs never know where we are. We operate simultaneously over Burma, Thailand, China, and Indo China."

Many of the American victories were scored over Rangoon, indicating how the boys get around.

CHEESE

A new method of cheese-making developed at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute cuts the customary time in half and has been selling at a premium on the market.

MOVED

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Mountain View School Reports

In our senior class home room on February 9, we had a program on Boy Scouts. Charles Younce and Ray Taylor gave a talk on the duties, etc., of a Boy Scout. The Boy Scout organization is one of the biggest in the country and we hope to have an organization of Boy Scouts at Mountain View before long.

We discussed plans for the senior play to be given soon. We haven't yet decided upon one but will as soon as the Dramatics club play has been presented.

The senior class has a committee, which consists of Nancy Johnson and Johnnie Mae Sebastian, to sell candy and drinks at the basketball games. They have a small stand in the gym where the candy is sold.

We are planning a senior class chapel program on Thursday February 12, since that is Lincoln's birthday. We plan to have the famous Gettysburg address given by some member of the class.

The senior class plans to take a trip to Washington, D. C. some time in the spring. While there we will visit the Capitol building and many other points of interest in the city.

Higher Oil Content Of Soybeans Sought

Farmers of North Carolina have been asked to increase their production of soybeans by 111,000 acres in 1942, to provide a source of vegetable oil for war-time use. The State College Agricultural Experiment Station has speeded up its soybean research program in an attempt to develop varieties of soybeans which have a higher oil content.

Dr. L. D. Bayer, Experiment Station director, announced that E. Fred Schultz, a graduate student, has been added to the research staff to help with the soybean work. He will cooperate with Agronomist J. A. Rigney who has devoted a major part of his time to this problem.

Rigney reports that Wood's Yellow, Tokio and Herman varieties of soybeans have been superior in the production of seed in the Coastal Plain. In the Piedmont, the same varieties do well, although Wood's yellow is late maturing and is not recommended for delayed plantings.

The State College agronomist says that Wood's Yellow is fairly shatterproof, but is comparatively low in oil content. The Tokio and Herman (Haberlandt) varieties are higher in oil content, but they shatter severely under any but the best conditions.

Rigney suggests that the soybeans be planted in rows and cultivated a few times in the Central plain. In the Piedmont, however, erosion is a prime consideration and it is usually best to plant soybeans broadcast or in close drills. Soybeans leave the land in very loose, erosive condition and any cultural practice that will reduce this on rolling lands should be used, the agronomist declared.

The State College leader said seed supplies of the Arksoy, Bilozi, Clemson and Mamredo varieties of soybeans are small this year; and supplies of the Herman and Mammoth Yellow varieties are medium; and seed supplies of Tokio and Wood's Yellow are comparatively large.

FOOD

Moderate but definite improvements were apparent in the food situation of the United Kingdom from the spring of 1941 to the outbreak of the war in the Pacific.

SCRAP

Scrap dealers last year supplied a record quantity of 25,000,000 gross tons of scrap, as much as the combined purchased and home scrap used in the first World War.

Churchill Is Facing Test

London. — Prime Minister Churchill's coalition government formed in the dark spring of 1940 last night was "battered by an organized revolt" because of its failure to plan a winning war in the Far East.

The opposition, Churchill's first since he took over the government, highlighted mounting concern over the imminent loss of Singapore.

Three prominent members resigned from the Liberal Nationalist party and two of them announced they planned to operate as independent members of Commons, advocating a policy of a reconstructed "government of national union" in which the dominions and empire would have a voice.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

North Carolina, Wilkes County:

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Wesley L. Church, deceased, late of Wilkes County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, at his office in North Wilkesboro, on or before the 13th day of January, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 9th day of January, 1942.

J. ALLIE HAYES, Administrator of Wesley L. Church, dec'd.
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With cheaper meat cuts.

By getting more nutriment from vegetables properly cooked.

By doing more home canning.

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