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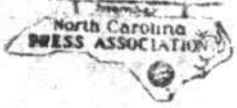
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THIS ONE THING ONLY
(Winston-Salem Journal)

The Greensboro Daily News expresses the hope that the General Assembly will not add to the problems of already overburdened schools by dumping new teaching courses into the lap of these vital public institutions.

We share that hope, save for one thing. We do hope that high school automobile driving courses will be given the green light for all schools.

There is no question but that the current trend toward having a school course to train youngsters for every imaginable job, art and occupation can be carried too far. And there is reason to believe that too many other tasks and functions have been thrust upon the schools. The News quotes the following paragraph from an article by George H. Henry in The Ladies Home Journal:

"That the school now feeds the undernourished, visits the homes of truants, conducts an employment agency, acts as police, finds cases for the welfare agencies, mothers pupils, schematizes their play, shows them how to rouge their lips, advises them what to do when up a back road in a car, teaches them how to dance, how to hold a fork, how to think and read well—that the school now assumes all these obligations and many more—is an evidence of how totalitarian they have become."

An able Florida educator, writing recently in The Virginia Quarterly Review, made a similar protest against the endeavor to have the schools teach everything and do almost everything, as it were. The schools have only so many hours each day in which to teach children anything, and if they attempt to teach everything no theme or subject can be thoroughly taught. This may be one of the major reasons why recent surveys have shown high school pupils so far remiss in history, and in many cases the plain "three R's."

In view of the national traffic death toll and the fact that teen-age boys and girls often fail to obtain the thorough driver training they should have from their parents, however, we feel that the State should provide safe-driving courses in the high schools. These courses could be alternated perhaps with other courses to fit into the curriculum, or some less essential course might be dropped to make room for it.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Proverbs 20:1.

The guy that locked his wife in the coal bin was just fueling.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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A MAN OF NOBLE TRAITS

(Written in memory of Rev. Ray B. White)
He was a man of noble traits
And filled with Christian grace,
Who walked with God from day to day
With sunshine in his face,
That helped to cheer the soul of men
Along life's rugged road,
And kept them pressing on in faith
For heaven's blest abode.

The life he lived, the good he did,
Will last across the years,
And help to save his fellowmen
From sin and slavish fears,
And keep them in the narrow way
That saints and sages trod,
And bless them as they onward go
To meet the Son of God.

He loved the Lord and all mankind,
And lived to bless the world,
As through the years he walked with God
Beneath His flag unfurled,
And kept the blessed Bible truth
Supreme within his soul,
As ev'ry saint of God must do
If heav'n shall be his goal.

He's left a wondrous life behind
That's more than gold or gems;
Yes, greater far than royal robes
And kingly diadems,
Which shall enrich the souls of men
Through Christian grace and love,
And help them purpose in their hearts
To live for what's above.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGET
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et al

\$30,000 FROM BANK—

Bandits held up the bank at Newland in Avery county Thursday and made away with \$30,000.

We are of the opinion that \$30,000 is a lot of money to be taken from a comparatively small bank.

But what vexes us is that the robbery slightly puts Wilkes in the shade.

Robbers held up a Wilkes poker game and took \$28,000, which we thought was tops, and along comes a bank robbery in which more money was taken. That makes us look bad and we certainly hope they catch those bandits. The very idea of a bank having more money than a Wilkes poker game is amazing, to say the least.

TO THE RESCUE—

The Coffee Club last week went to the rescue of a well known citizen. It seems that the citizen in question was treasurer of a church, and in his financial report he had an item which said: "Cash shy . . . seven cents." Forrest Jones, Chamber of Commerce manager and Coffee Club member, presented said church treasurer with seven cents to make up the deficit, and with the seven cents gave the Coffee Club's good wishes. The presentation was made at the Kiwanis meeting.

ON A JURY—

Last week in Wilkes court we volunteered with three lawyers, four farmers, a lady, a merchant and two deputies to sit in a jury box to hear an uncontested case, which was completed in a few minutes. But an attorney wanted to air a contested action before a jury and we were stuck there for half an hour.

Attorney for the defendant in the slightly contested case took one look at the jury and practically gave up.

He asked us if we had not reported something in that case at

a prior term of court, to which we replied that if we did we didn't remember, and Judge Sink added an observation that a newspaper man never remembered anything. Unluckily for us, the examination as to our fitness to serve on a jury did not go far enough, or we would have been disqualified on general principles. The attorney then asked us if we did not report the Litteral and Bell case, and Judge Sink came to our rescue with the remark that we did a very good job of it.

The testimony was all one way in the case before the jury and there was no deliberation. However, we have always had a hankering to know what goes on in a jury room when a closely contested case is being deliberated. Does the verdict always go the way the biggest man on the jury says it should?

Someone once said that one never gets too old to learn. Judge Sink defined evidence and testimony in court. He said testimony is what witnesses say on the stand. Evidence is materials of any type which are introduced. Usually, testimony of witnesses is erroneously referred to as evidence, which is incorrect.

Judge Sink is a jurist with 20 years experience on the bench and has not lost the human touch. When there is not a large

crowd in the courtroom he permits smoking. Maybe that is because he likes his pipe so well that he wants to smoke himself and figures that if the public can stand the aroma of his pipe that a little cigarette would be feeble in comparison.

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A Civilizing Force

Free enterprise is the greatest of all economic forces—a fact which the whole history of this country abundantly proves. And free enterprise is also a great social and civilizing force.

That is now being demonstrated in Saudi Arabia, where the Arabian Oil Company is carrying on an enormous development campaign. It entered Arabia at the invitation of Ibn Saud, the King, and is working under a contract signed with the Saudi Arabian government. In the course of locating vast reservoirs of oil for the benefit of the world, it is bringing modern civilization and improved standards of living to the Arabs.

Nomads who formerly lived in tents and huts are learning the comforts of modern surroundings. They are learning new and profitable skills. They are thriving on a better diet. The Arabian American Oil Company has helped the government construct an irrigation canal and a full-scale agricultural experiment project. Modern machinery has been brought to an ancient land. Schools, homes and recreational facilities, modeled on the American pattern, have been provided. Of very great importance, the company is carrying on an ambitious preventive medicine campaign in the interest of better health.

In the words of Ibn Saud, "We want to teach our people to help themselves to become better and more useful citizens of the modern world." American oil companies, financed by American citizens, are aggressive partners in helping the Arabs reach their goal.

Toward Price Stability

It would be a daring man indeed who would state categorically that the peak of the price rise has been reached—or that prices in general are due for an immediate and substantial downturn. But the all-out inflation that some forecast when OPA vanished into the shadows has certainly not occurred—and in some very important fields, including foods, a degree of price stability has been reached.

The good sense of most consumers is in part responsible for this—more and more of them have turned away from articles which they considered excessively priced. An increase in the supply of goods has also helped. And, finally, the attitude of retail distribution toward consumer problems has been of immeasurable value.

The typical retailer works on the principle that a main duty is to protect consumer purchasing power so far as he can—and to sell honest merchandise at a fair price. This is true of chains and independents, variety stores and department stores. Long before OPA, retailers voluntarily held prices down when there was no law to prevent them from profiteering to their hearts' content. All during the war, retailers opposed hoarding and other inflationary influences. And since the war ended, they have led in efforts to keep prices from running wild.

We are beginning to see the success of these efforts now, as more and better goods flow into the stores. No one knows what the "normal price structure" of the future will be, or what relation it will bear to 1941 or any other year. But we can feel confident that American productive methods, plus efficiency and competition in retailing, will give the consumer maximum protection against exploitation.