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### **New Graduates Now Face Responsibilities**

If all the advice to high school graduates at this time of the year were laid end to end . . . it would be a good thing.

But there are certain observations which can be made without adding to the volumnous amount of advice and counsel handed down in commencement oratory.

The high school graduate in this age faces numerous responsibilities which are new. Many will continue their education, and with competition becoming keener year after year, they will find that higher education will be so useful as to be termed essential. The average high school education, it is noted with regret, has too little of practical value without further education or practical training in the field of experience.

Instead of directing much advice to graduates, which wouldn't be followed anyway, we would warn those students who have not yet reached the 12th grade to stay in there and complete high school, regardless of obstacles. Students who drop out of school now are going to find the going rough in years to come. There are already numerous employers in this country who will not consider a job applicant without a high school education, although the work to be done requires little scholastic knowledge. As a greater percentage of young people finish high school the odds against those who drop out of high school are going to increase and the lack of a high school education will become a greater handicap year after year.

The graduate in most instances has been dependent upon parents until graduation. For those who do not choose further education, graduation represents a transition from dependency to responsibility. They will be faced with the tough task of earning their own livelihood and making their own homes. Incidentally, they will soon face the problems, financially and otherwise, which their parents had to face and solve in order to provide them with education. This transition may also mean an awakening on the part of the young man or young woman to the tough problems of life. The way and manner the graduate goes to work on these problems will determine the kind of life he or she will live, and will ultimately measure the success or failure in later life.

### Funds Are Needed For Cancer Work

A belated campaign is under way to raise \$2,000 for cancer work, part of which would be used in Wilkes county and part to the American Cancer Society for continued and diligent research in efforts to conquer this killer.

Work of the cancer detention center now being operated every Tuesday shows that cancer funds are needed. Already several cases have been found which may be cancer and which may be cured by early treatment. It takes funds to educate people to the desperate need of early diagnosis of cancer in order that early treatment can save their lives from certain death.

Some day medical science will find means of cure for cancer, and ways of preventing its occurence. But until that happens, the best that can be done is to discover cancer early and use known methods of stopping it before fatal damage is done. All of this takes money, and the American Cancer Society, through its many chapters throughout the country, Car Registration seeks to raise that money.

Letters have been mailed to hundreds of people in Wilkes asking for a small donation, or as much as the donor feels inclined to give. Many of the letters have been returned with contributions. In many ed 900,330 today, only 58,212 other instances there has been neglect and procrastination on the part of those who intend to give but have not got around to hicles announced. it. There is no better time than now to the current figure representsend in that contribution.

# Borrowed

BUTTER AND EGG RACKET (The Elkin Tribune)

The state, in tracking down and resting George Smith, termed the ring leader in a huge "butter and egg" racket in North Carolina, has no doubt interrupted and perhaps thrown off the track a racket that has been spreading corruption in many places and in many ways.

This butter and egg racket has been flourishing for years, and that it is a lush business for those at the top of the ring goes without saying. Missions of dollars have been fleeced from victims who cannot resist laying a bet on the line.

A series of articles, written by a Winston-Salem newspaperman, has shown that the evils of the racket not only affect those who foster it and those who support it, but have slipped into higher places in the form of "protection" from public officials and police officers.

This writer has personally seen what the racket can do. Twenty years ago a proof reader on a North Carolina daily newspaper was caught in the act of changing correct market quotations which appeared in the newspaper for which he worked into ficticious figures which suited the intention of the racket leaders of his city. The proof reader lost his job as the racket continued its merry way.

It is to be hoped that George Smith, who from all reports is an unsavory character, will get his just desserts, and that his henchmen will also be nabbed and the racket broken up. But it is doubtful that such will be the case, for so long as there are suckers to plank their money down, there will always be those ready to reap the harvest.

Sometimes we are inclined to think that those gullible enough to play such rackets deserve all they can get. For if it were not for them-supposedly lawabiding citizens-such rackets and corrution could not exist. It is ironical that the law must protest them from them-

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## DON'T THINK IT SMART

Don't think it smart, my little lad, To form a habit that is bad Because it's practiced by the throng That takes no thought for right or wrong: But stop and think that what you do Will have direct effect on you, And out in future days and years The wrong will bring you bitter tears.

Don't think it smart, my little lad, To follow custom, fashion, fad, That says it's nice to chew and smoke, Or drink, or tell a smutty joke; That it is fine to be a sport, Though evil things you have to court; But keep in mind and truly know You'll have to reap the seed you sow.

Don't think it smart, my little lad, To even follow your own dad In anything that isn't right, Although he seems a man of might; For many dads don't follow God, Nor go the way good men have trod; Therefore to follow as they lead, Their sons could not in life succeed.

Don't think it smart, my little lad. But quite deplorable and sad, To start in early life in sin, And thus in doing so begin The wrong career, which you'll bewail, Somewhere along your rugged trail. And maybe end in dark despair Beyond the reach of God through prayer.

It's only manly to be good And nobly live, as all men should: To cherish honesty and truth In days of childhood and of youth: To walk uprightly and be clean, Nor yield to anything that's mean: Yes, follow God in ev'ry plan And be in life and soul a man.

# In North Carolina Near Million Mark

Raleigh .- Motor vehicle registration in North Carolina reachbelow registration for the entire year of 1948, the North Carolina Department of Motor Ve-

d a gain of 54,846 over the same period last year. Total registration for 1948 was 958,542. If present gains are maintained, registration is expected to break the million mark before Decem-

Meanwhile, latest compilations show that new trucks and carr were brought into the State and sold during April at the rate of 356 per day. New car registration for April totaled 7,197 as compared with 5,165 for last April, New truck registrations numbered 2,054, a drop from the 2,949 registered in April, 1948.

The April figures brought to 24,481 the total of new cars brought into the State this year. Trucks sold in the State through April totaled 7,595.

Ford led in car sales for April with 1,610 registered, followed closely by Chevrolet with 1,556 sales. In truck sales, Chevrolet led with 964. Ford was second

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