

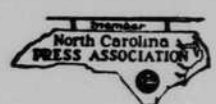
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Be Patient With Boys!

With camping season well underway, thoughts have been centered around the training of boys and girls. A few days ago we ran across the inspiring article by the noted Elbert Hubbard entitled, "Boys." Here it is:

I have a profound respect for boys. Grimy, ragged touselled boys in the street often attract me strangely. A boy is a man in the cocoon—you do not know what it is going to become, his life is big with many possibilities. He may make or unmake kings, change boundary lines between states, write books that will mold characters, or invent machines that will revolutionize the commerce of the world. Every man was once a boy. Wouldn't you like to turn backward and see Abraham Lincoln at 12 when he had never worn a pair of boots, a lank, lean, yellow, hungry boy—hungry for love, hungry for learning,—tramping off through the woods for 20 miles to borrow a book and spelling it out crouched before the glare of the burning logs?

Then there was the Corsican boy, one of the goodly brood, who weighed only 50 pounds when 10 years old, who was thin and pale and perverse and had tantrums and had to be sent supperless to bed or locked in a dark closet because he wouldn't "mind." Who would have thought that he would have mastered every phase of warfare at 26 and when told that the exchequer of France was in dire confusion would say, "The finances, I will arrange them."

Very distinctly and vividly I remember a slim, freckled boy who was born in the "patch" and used to pick up coal along the railroad tracks in Buffalo. A few months ago I had a motion to make before the Supreme Court and that boy from the "patch" was the Judge who wrote the opinion granting my petition. Yesterday I rode horseback past a field where a boy was plowing. The lad's hair stuck out through the top of his hat and his form was bony and awkward. One suspender held his trousers in place. His bare legs and arms were brown and sunburned and briar-scarred. He swung his horses around just as I passed by and from under the flopping brim of his hat cast a quick glance out of dark, half bashful eyes, and modestly returned my salute. His back turned, I took off my hat and sent a "God bless you" down the furrow after him. Who knows? I may go to that boy to borrow money yet or to hear him preach or to beg him to defend me in a lawsuit, or he may stand with pulse unfastened, bare of arm and white aproned, ready to do his duty while the cone is placed over my face, and night and death come creeping into my veins. Be patient with boys. You are dealing with soul stuff. Destiny awaits just around the corner. Be patient with the boys.

A State Post-War Plan

We are impressed with the five-year post-war planning program that Mr. Coleman W. Roberts, of Charlotte recently advanced.

His sixteen-point plan envisages the development of state-regional airports, highways, and farm-to-market roads, traffic engineering and safety, expansion of schools and other institutions, health and recreation, development of mineral resources, port facilities and seaplane bases and advertising.

The sixteen points are as follows:

(1). State regional airports: At least five state-owned, state-operated airports,

posting over a five-year period approximately \$5,000,000 a year.

(2). State highways, farm-to-market roads and elimination of grade crossings; a program costing not less than \$20,000,000 a year for five years.

(3). Traffic engineering for highways and cities: A street and highways safety program, with motor vehicle inspection, thorough drivers' training and examination, a cost of \$1,000,000 a year for five years.

(4). Port facilities and seaplane bases: Development of these at a cost of \$4,000,000 a year for five years.

(5). State universities, colleges and schools: A postwar program of expansion and modernization of not less than \$5,000,000 a year for five years.

(6). State institutions and state buildings: Building additional state offices and a building program for state institutions, at \$4,000,000 a year for five years.

(7). State health department: A program of research and expansion at a cost of \$2,000,000 a year for five years.

(8). Agriculture and animal husbandry: Research and promotional program looking toward the development of agriculture and animal husbandry, dairying and poultry farming in the state at a cost of \$1,000,000 a year for five years.

(9). Industrial and mineral resources: Promotional and research program looking toward the development of mineral resources and industrial possibilities at a cost of \$1,000,000 a year for five years.

(10). Vocational training program to be conducted through existing educational and industrial facilities at a cost of \$2,000,000 a year for five years.

(11). State parks and recreational facilities: Adequate recreational facilities at \$3,000,000 a year for five years.

(12). A state program of advertising, well diversified, at \$400,000 a year for five years.

(13). Expenditure by the 10 largest counties in the state and their cities of a minimum of \$3,000,000 a year per county.

(14). Expenditure by the second 10 largest counties and cities and towns in them of not less than \$2,000,000 a year per county for five years.

(15). Eighty counties should plan expenditures of not less than \$200,000 a year.

(16). Private construction: A total of \$100,000,000 a year for five years.

\$30,000 Congressman

How much are the services of a Congressman worth? To many a salary of \$10,000 a year looks like a handsome stipend, but, as matter of fact, many men who are serving in the national legislature at that figure are doing so at a considerable loss. For example, a lawyer of congressional caliber can easily make several times that sum practicing law and the same is true of men from other vocations. There is a widespread tendency in this country to jeer at Congressmen and belittle them and some of them, no doubt, have but meager qualifications for their job, but, taken as a whole, Congress is made up of able and diligent men.

These thoughts were inspired by the revelation that a Congressman from Georgia has set an all-time high for helping himself and family at public expense. Eugene Cox and his connections are drawing from the Federal treasury more than \$30,000 a year. There is a name for this practice, of course. It is called nepotism. Cox and his relatives may be worth this much money to his constituency and the nation, but many will be unwilling to concede it for they dislike to see a man in public office use his position to confer benefits on his own relatives. Cox and the other Congressmen who engage in nepotism are within their legal rights of course, but in doing so they expose themselves to just criticism.

The Federal Auto Tax

Word comes from the Collector of Internal Revenue at Greensboro to the effect that all who expect to operate automobiles from July 1st must purchase the federal tax stamp, cost \$5.00. To our way of thinking, collection of the \$5.00 tax in the area this year is ridiculous, particularly for the A-card drivers who are reduced to 1½ gallons of gas per week. This regulation should be immediately suspended by Congress. It brings in a trifling amount of revenue, compared with other sources of taxable income and it is a nuisance and an irritant for auto owners already burdened with a multiplicity of special fees, taxes, imposts and annoyances.

with the Transylvania Boys in the Military Service



Cpl. Robert Wallis Orr has been transferred from Camp Adair, Oregon, and is now in the AAAS at Camp Davis, N. C. Zane Orr has written his parents that he is stationed somewhere in North Africa. Both boys are former residents of Brevard, and sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Orr, of Sonora, Calif.

Harry Allison, who has been in the Pacific the past three years, has notified his sister, Mrs. Floyd Orr, of Sonora, Calif., that he has been promoted to first class petty officer, and that he is well and hopes to see his folks within another year.

Cpl. George E. Monteith, who is in the air corps at Homestead, Fla., has been promoted recently to the rank of corporal at Scott Field, Ill. He left last week for Florida after a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Monteith, of Sapphire.

Pfc. Mitchell J. Smith, who has been at Camp Rucker, Ala., the past 10 months, has been transferred to Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., where he is in the MP detachment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith, of Brevard, who have four sons in service. Harold J. Smith, another son, seaman second class, has been transferred from Norfolk, Va., to Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

Pfc. James E. Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Barton, has been home on a 9-day furlough from Camp White, Oregon. He volunteered for service last November, and says he likes army life fine. He is in the infantry of the U. S. army.

Auxiliary Birdell Hensley Monteith, is at the WAC training center, Daytona Beach, Fla., where she is taking her basic training, according to information from news releases at the training center. She has been classified for an army job that will release a soldier for combat duty.

T-Sgt. Charles A. Lance, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lance, of Brevard, Route 1, has completed a 20-day furlough here with his parents. He is stationed at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla., and has been in service two years and has been on duty in foreign parts.

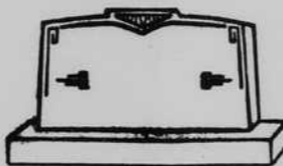
Cpl. Walter A. Grooms, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Grooms, of Brevard, is now in North Africa with the U. S. army air corps. His base was recently moved from Egypt to North Africa. He has been in foreign service nearly a year.

John B. Dickson, son of J. W. Dickson, of Brevard, is one of 14 aviation students to be graduated with honors at the University of Buffalo training detachment, according to information from the campus public relations bureau. He was cited for superior military proficiency and leadership.

Aviation Student Napoleon A. Miller, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Miller, of Brevard, is taking training at Nashville, Tenn., army

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air center, at the completion of which program he will be graduated as a commissioned officer, with wings in the army air forces. He is a graduate of Brevard high school, Brevard college and attended Mars Hill college.

Pfc. Roland Gray, of the marine service, has been promoted recently from private to private first class at Camp Lejeune, New River.

Robert L. Whitmire, technician fifth class, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitmire, of Brevard, Route 1, was graduated from the engineer maintenance school, Granite City, Ill. Tech. Whitmire was inducted last January at Camp Croft, and received a course in welding at San Antonio, Texas, before entering the maintenance school.

Four Transylvania county boys have reported to the U. S. naval training station at Great Lakes, Ill., for a period of boot training. The four naval recruits are Wade F. Webb, Henry Lee Hogsed, Joe Stokely Wilde, Jr., and Charles Louis Whitmire. Now apprentice seamen, the will be promoted to seaman second class upon graduation and given a 9-day leave.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT
 Central Press Writer

Field Marshal Rommel must be old-fashioned in his taste for clothes. His personal bodyguard still wear the uniforms of the Afrika Korps—long since gone out of style.

K., but let's not interfere with Santa Claus' priority!

If the range of anti-aircraft missiles is increased much more, the Man in the Moon may have to drop his role of strict neutrality.

WELCOME FOR VISITORS

A cordial invitation has been extended by Rev. Ashby Johnson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, to all summer visitors to attend the services at the church during their stay in the community.

Three services are held each Sunday, including Sunday school at 9:45; preaching service at 11; and young people's service at 7 o'clock.

When your doctor asks where you prefer to have your prescription filled, say: VARNER'S, because: Filled only by registered pharmacist; as written and at reasonable prices. (Adv't.)

Archeologists have found ruins in Mosul of a town 8,000 years old. Junior wants to know in what war was it bombed.

Mussolini's should not be the only Axis stomach ache. Herrs Goebbels and Goering have had to do a lot of word-eating, too.

Grandpappy Jenkins' turnips which turned out to be weeds have nothing on Zadok Dumbkopp's chickens, bought for egg-laying. They turned out to be roosters.

A post-war gadget we have yet to read about is an ear muff designed for watermelon eaters.

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