

OUR POINT OF VIEW

EDITORIALS

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FEDERAL AID FOR SOUTHERN SCHOOLS—COUNTY AID FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Reporter has received this week from Harl R. Douglas, professor of Education, University of North Carolina, a mimeographed letter of many pages setting forth an earnest appeal for "Federal aid for Southern schools," stating that there is now before this congress of the United States legislation intended to diminish in part the great and growing inequalities existing among the states in ability to support public education."

Prof. Douglas insists strenuously that this bill may not pass unless a very vigorous demand is made for its passage by the school people of the states which will benefit most.

Prof. Douglas goes on to say that "because of the fact that this fall and winter constitute a most critical period in the struggle for federal aid to education, every teacher and administration in the Southern States should do"—(a number of things which he enumerates to lead toward our securing our rights, etc., etc.)

While being entirely in sympathy with the Professor's suggestions, the Danbury Reporter is first and foremost, before the fight for federal aid to our southern schools, in favor of the township of Danbury and the Danbury school district, getting county and State aid for equal educational advantages for the children of this the county seat of Stokes county.

Other towns, sections and townships and crossroads communities of Stokes county have been provided with splendid educational facilities for their children.

Danbury, the county seat of Stokes county, and the central township of the county, has not been enabled to enjoy the educational advantages of which every other township and community of the county can now boast.

Before the people of Danbury town, the county seat and central location of Stokes county, and Danbury township, the central township of the county, will become interested in Prof. Douglas' plea for an organized effort to secure federal aid to the States for better schools, we must first have a fair and logical explanation of why Danbury township has not been accorded equal educational privileges of other towns, townships and communities, and why our children must ride a bus 10 to 15 miles to secure advantages which we might have at home, if our rights were respected.

If any person, body, clique, community, system of interest, or other cosmic ensemble will explain our "WHY'S," the invitation is open through the columns of this newspaper.

INFANT TERRIBLES

Stone and Helsabeck, accomplished physicians of the King sector, have long enjoyed the enviable reputation belonging to champions of population boosts, and obstetrically if not obstreperously increasing the clamor of Yadkin township. And when these doctors couldn't deliver a baby every day they went out and had somebody to build a new house at King. Thus increasing the fame of King one way or the other.

But now it appears that the King practitioners must look to their laurels. For, from Sunday through Wednesday noon, Dr. Neal, Jr., of Walnut Cove, officiated at seven juvenile debuts in Sauratown township. And here's more—Dr. Helsabeck, of the same terrain, has not yet sent in his report. He is famed for deliveries of these things known as infant terribles.

The sweetest sight the world has ever looked upon is a pink and white thing dressed in a clean diaper lying on the bed with its big toe in its mouth and looking at you as if: "What are you going to do about it?"

The birth of babies—recently in some quarters becoming obsolete—is a happy sign. It makes for good government, for a welded family in perfect enjoyment of the best things of life, for a national census that withstands invaders, and for civilization's evolution.

The development of the science of marriage is essential. The inexorable law of nature had best not be disregarded.

But, as a precaution, let it be understood that in these early stages, you had better do your spanking.

For later on, this cherub will spank you.

JUST A LITTLE TOUCH OF NATURE

The Graf Spee, the Hitler terror that preyed on English and neutral shipping, had been followed by a mysterious boat that gathered up the struggling survivors from the waves.

These men were imprisoned in a dark hold, far below decks, fed in cold and darkness with black bread and water, and smothered with bad air. The cots were lice-infested, while cooties and tarantulas crawled around. The poor unfortunates stayed here for months.

These prisoners numbered between 300 and 400 British sailors. They described their experience simply as "Hell."

Suddenly British destroyers appeared, rushed the prison-ship into Norway waters and rescued them.

What does the cry of international law mean when your countrymen are suffering—hell, plus.

Germany is dared to do what it can about it. The world also says—"well?"

SURPRISED THEY WOULD ADMIT IT

Headline in daily:

"G. O. P. chiefs call policies of Roosevelt demoralizing."

THE STOKES INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC OPINION

Now that Roosevelt has been voted the 95-per cent favorite of Stokes Democrats, the Reporter requests that its Republican readers and friends indicate their favorite for President.

Dewey, Taft, Vandenburg, Gannett, Hoover and others are prominently mentioned as Republican candidates for the nation's chief executive.

This newspaper is this week mailing 100 postal cards to 100 leading and representative Republicans of Stokes, and asking them to send in their separate choices.

No one need sign his or her name. We promise that everything will be strictly confidential and no names will be published.

But as soon as the ballots are all in the result of the cross-section of carefully selected voters will be tabulated and published.

The public will read with much interest whom is the choice of Stokes Republicans for President.

BETTER MAIL FACILITIES

The patrons of the Danbury and Lawsonville postoffices immensely welcome better mail facilities. Beginning next Monday, Feb. 26, we will have two mails a day. This is a consummation long prayed for.

Now if the R. F. D. carriers from Danbury and Francisco—when daily they nearly meet at Clemmons' ford bridge;—and the Danbury and Sandy Ridge carriers who closely approach each other near Snow Creek, will arrange to exchange pouches, a great problem of intercommunication between these several township communities will be solved. The cost to the government would be trifling. The benefit to a large number of people would be very gratifying.

It is said that one good turn deserves another. If our two popular and efficient postmistresses at Walnut Cove and Danbury will each call the attention of Mr. Farley's department to the sincere desire and the urgent need apparent the ladies will deserve a party at which we will crown them both queens of service and benefactresses No. 1.

THE LAST BRUTALITY

The shelling of cities, homes, churches, hospitals, have been among the war's atrocities, but it was left for the inhuman Russians this week to bomb a Finnish breadline of starving old men, women and children.

There is strong indication that war will burst in the Balkans soon, and that the circumstances will force Germany and Russia together. Then Rumania, Turkey and Italy will line up with the allies. Rumanian oil—needed by all—will start the flame.