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I the Lord will hold my right hand saying unto me, Fear not, I will help thee.—Isa. 41:13

Siamese Twins

As to Siamese twins, there is a difference between the Germans and the Japanese. The nation was shocked by conditions that were to fight in the Philippines when the islands were liberated a few months ago. But what was found there was not quite as bad as elsewhere. Transplantation facilities ought to be as efficient as in any other city or country. This may be as well prepared and as efficient as those elsewhere, unless in the comparatively new large city or county systems where there are supplements.

Plant leaders here would appear to be as good as the average and better than some, perhaps better than most.

High officials should be as comfortable and as fit as plane passengers, and Vance county as in other localities. Certainly parents are much interested in the educational advancement of their children here as are parents anywhere else.

Absentee returns are bad enough in the State as a whole, which worse than there is any real reason for. When school opportunities are offered free, and with textbooks furnished in all grades below high schools and of very nominal fee in high schools, it would seem that no new schools of the State like the desire for an education that would prevail among both students and parents.

We do not have the answer, was we did. But existing condition justify positive reflection on the part of both people and school. Years ahead will call for the best that is in the individual. It should be achieved above the average. The opportunity is present, but teachers are allowing it to pass them by.

On The Mountain Top

A Presbyterian minister at Warm Springs has given the country a insight into an incident in the life of President Roosevelt before his death. Even those who may have not many of the late President's acts seen for effect or for dramatic could scarcely apply that interpretation to this one. By all rules of the game it must be taken at face value. There was no chance that it would catch the world for any purpose good or bad, except as a sequence to his death.

Spiritually-minded friends of Mr. Roosevelt can store this incident away in their memory and cherish it through the years as proving the contentions that he was at heart a servant of the Most High. By any interpretation, it is a moving story that was circulated by the United Press.

Moses of old frequently went away to the mountain top to commune with his God. Jesus himself ascended the hills to be alone with his Father. Many men upon whose shoulders the weight of responsibility rested heavily resorted to solitude for comfort and guidance. And so, it seems, did Mr. Roosevelt.

Many have read the story already, some may not have. But as a matter of record and for sheer dignity itself, it is printed again here:

Atlanta, Ga., April 18.—(UP)—Two days before he died last Thursday, President Roosevelt went alone to a sun-swept hilltop at Warm Springs, Ga., for silent meditation with his God, it was disclosed for the first time Tuesday.

This moving incident in the last

Our School Record

Records compiled by the State Department of Education on attendance in city and county school systems over North Carolina are far from creditable to Henderson and Vance county, for our averages for the 1943-44 term are among the worst recorded.

Only three city high schools have a higher percentage of absences than Henderson. They are Fremont, with 10.1; Chapel Hill, with 9.8; Henderson, 9.2 percent. Nine city elementary systems show greater percentages of absences than Henderson's 10.2.

Six counties have a higher percentage of absences than Vance in their elementary schools. Ours is 12.6 percent. The six with a less creditable record are Halifax, Edgecombe, Nash, Pittman, Roanoke and Northampton, in that order. Rural high school attendance is better than any other group of city or county in our community, with only 9.3 percent absent. Only eight rural high school systems in the State have a better record than that shown here.

The Japs are now eating sawdust bread. In view of recent events in the embattled Pacific, it's our guess that this must be some new sort of Nipponese humble pie.

Allied soldiers found no trace of the Pied Piper when they captured Hamelin but let's hope they bagged some of the rats—or the swastika.

GRAB BAG

One-Minute Test

1. What South American republic is unaffected, and the majority of its inhabitants live in areas over 6,000 feet high?

2. What was the first independent Negro nation in the world?

3. What republic was founded by American idealists in 1817?

Words of Wisdom.

The most delightful pleasures day without variety. — Publius Syrus.

The world has no sympathy with my best positive griefs; it will pity you for what you lose, but never for what you lack.—Mad. Swetchine.

Hints on Etiquette.

We have just finished arranging the tables and at the right of left side of each plate, preference on the right side, unfolded, if you are a guest in the house only for one meal.

Today's Horoscope.

12 This is your fatal day, yours is a passive and domineering nature, too aggressive, persistent in efforts, regardless of misfortune, but too boldness and carelessness of the actions of others. You are easily annoyed by trifles, but those who are kind, wise, tactful and respectful, show a modicum of tolerance which is best to follow. Meditation might accomplish much more than misguided enthusiasm.

13 Relax from stiffness. 22 Expression of disgust can bring success. 41 Shakespearean character.

15 Otherwise. 24 Expression.

17. Weep. 27. Norse god.

19. Permit. 29. Burrowing rodent.

20. Percolate. 31. Island of Napoleon's exile.

23. Frill. 33. Past.

25. Cut, as grass. 35. Oving.

27. Norse god. 37. Biblical city.

28. Sheer. 38. Cardgame.

43. Grab. 45. Girl's name (poss.).

46. Swell of the sea. 47. Monster.

48. Cushion. 49. Digit.

1. To swell out. 2. Otherwise.

3. To grow. 4. To grow.

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7. Giant. 8. Apollo (the sun-god).

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