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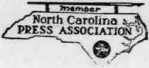
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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Two much opinion and too little fact produces error.

Even the "average man" thinks he is above average.

Good manners can be exhibited by a person driving an automobile.

What you buy on credit, you pay for several times.

What the American people need is more attention to the "pursuit of happiness."

The voice of the people is approved by many citizens when it utters their views.

If you know a better place in which to live, why not move out of Marion and settle down in peace?

So far as we can judge, it looks as if Herr Hitler will have to fight before he can conquer Great Britain.

There are many individuals who can never be satisfied; they are apparently determined to dislike whatever exists.

The activity of Russia can be understood by remembering that the time to get what you want is while the getting is good.

TOWARD FARM OWNERSHIP

The Farm Security Administration will this year assist 9,000 tenants, sharecroppers and farm laborers to buy farms of their own.

We have no accurate information, at this time, as to how these families are solving their difficulties or whether most of them are making good use of the opportunity offered them under the government's program.

There are some Americans who strenuously object to the government doing anything along this line, saying that the individual should be permitted to work out his own salvation, along the sink-or-swim basis.

HOW HITLER CAUSED WAR

Herr Hitler made a speech last week in Berlin and through the magic of radio the people of all the world could hear his voice as he uttered the harsh gutturals that feature the German language.

Mr. Hitler's statement might be important if anybody could place any dependence whatever upon what he says. The tragedy of the past few years in Europe could not have occurred if Hitler's word had been worth its weight in sand.

The writer has kept up with happenings in Europe for the past decade or more with the hope of understanding the issues involved. The first time that we became convinced that war was inevitable was when we became convinced that Hitler's pledged word was worthless and not to be trusted.

Here was the head of a resurgent state, armed to the teeth and possessing great military strength. Around Germany were neighbors, uncertain and slowly becoming alarmed at the growing menace of German might.

"THE TOY-STREWN HOUSE"

"Give me the house where the toys are strewn, Where the dolls are asleep in the chairs, Where the building blocks and the toy balloon And the soldiers guard the stairs;

Give me the house with the toys about, With the battered old train of cars, The box of paints and the books left out And the ship with her broken spars;

Give me the house where the toys are seen, The house where the children romp, And I'll be happier than man has been 'Neath the gilded dome of pomp.

Whoever has lived in a toy-strewn house Though feeble he be and gray, Will yearn, no matter how far he roam, For the glorious disarray

—Author unknown.

NO FRENCH RESERVES

The defeat of the French army is easily the outstanding war surprise so far, and there is, as yet, no generally accepted explanation of the sudden debacle of the Ninth army, three days after the general German attack.

It is clear, however, that after the ninth army collapsed, leaving a breach fifty miles wide in the French line, there was only one chance for the French to continue resistance.

Because there were no reserves available the breach was never closed and German forces poured through, reaching the English Channel. The isolated Allied soldiers in Belgium fought a losing fight, with hardly an opportunity to test the German steamroller.

THE TREND IS DRY

Good news comes out of Chicago, from reports prepared for the annual national convention of the W.C.T.U. next month. Despite the fact that more money is being spent for intoxicants and that liquor is much more available today than ever before, distinct gains have been registered for the cause of temperance.

Obviously the general lack of enforcement of regulatory liquor laws, especially those pertaining to youth, plus the continued bad record of the drinking automobile driver, is resulting in public revulsion against the liquor traffic wherever the issue is raised.

MUSEUM

The United States is the only major agricultural country without a national agricultural museum, and there is agitation that such an institution be established.

IT HAS BEEN SAID OF EXAMPLE

Live with wolves and you will learn to howl.—Spanish Proverb. None preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing.—Franklin. We reform others unconsciously when we walk uprightly.—Madé Swetchine.

Not the cry, but the flight, of the wild duck leads the flock to fly and follow.—Chinese Proverb.

One watch, set right, will do to set many by; one that goes wrong may be the means of misleading a whole neighborhood. And the same may be said of example.—Dilwin.

Men trust rather to their eyes than to their ears. The effect of precept is therefore slow and tedious, while that of example is summary and effectual.—Seneca.

34 Years Ago In Marion And McDowell

(Items from McDowell Democrat dated July 26, 1906)

McDowell Superior Court convened Monday with Judge Cook presiding. Two murder cases are to be tried—State vs. Kaney Ingram, who shot and instantly killed Robert McGee in North Cove township two weeks ago, and State vs. Norman Largent, a negro youth, who shot and killed Thomas Scott here about three weeks ago.

Another case of considerable importance is the case of the State against the nine Italians who are in jail as a result of the feud at Camp No. 6 on the South and Western construction work some months ago.

The attendance at Superior Court this week was larger than usual. It was equal to a parade. The merchants had a splendid trade and patent medicine men and others with patients were in evidence and with their free exhibitions succeeded in attracting considerable attention.

From all over the county comes complaint about the public roads. In many sections of the county the roads are almost impassable—a disgrace to the county. It is a mystery how the farmers come to town as often as they do, even though they reside only a few miles away.

Mrs. G. C. Conley and Mrs. Ada Little went to Asheville Tuesday to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Landis and son, Clinton, of Waynesville, were guests of relatives and friends here during the week.

Nebo High School will open Wednesday, August 8. The attendance promises to be large. Besides local patronage, Professor D. F. Giles is expecting quite a good number of boarding pupils.

Adv.—If you need a good buggy, see what we have in our warehouse before you buy. Gaston & Troutman.

INCREASE

On land where he is turning under rye as a green manure crop, Wesley Melton, Jackson county demonstration farmer, says his corn yield has been increased five-fold in the past five years.

Communications to The Progress are always welcomed. We do not guarantee the publication of every letter. Some are uninteresting and consequently we cannot spare the space. Others, interesting, are too long and ditto. Make 'em short, make 'em intelligible and we'll try to print them.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT N. C. SCHOOLS IN FALL IS FORECAST

Washington, July 29.—When the fall school term opens, North Carolina will find itself with the greatest number of students entering the portals of the state's schools in history.

A total of 916,354 students are scheduled to begin the fall term, jamming the corridors and classrooms of the 5,258 schools in North Carolina, buying up school supplies and filling the elementary and secondary schools and colleges to capacity.

And this is no liberal estimate, according to a survey released today through the department of commerce.

State's Greatest Industry

It was revealed that the patience of 28,034 teachers in the state would be tried and tempered. Thus the study in numbers reveals that students and teachers taken collectively indicate that education is today the Tar Heel state's greatest industry.

The survey shows that the percentage of students in population in North Carolina is now one of the highest in the country. For the year 1940 is to find the extremely high ratio of 27 per cent of the entire North Carolina population attending some form of an educational institution.

A brief comparison with the school going population of other states reveals that the students in North Carolina outnumber, proportionally, most of them in any part of the country. In New York, for example, 22 per cent of the population is made up of students; in Ohio 24 per cent are students; 24 per cent in Florida and 21 per cent in California.

A summary of the 1940 educational statistics in North Carolina shows the following:

Forty-eight colleges will be in session, employing 2,731 teachers and taking in 26,285 students; five normal schools account for 304 teachers and 4,563 students; 930 senior high schools and 10 junior high schools account for 6,500 teachers and 173,556 students; 4,190 grade schools account for 18,000 teachers and 708,450 students; and 75 Catholic schools account for 500 teachers and 3,500 students.

33,000,000 in Schools

Nationally, more than 33,000,000 persons in the United States are attending general schools of this type, making an average of 25.2 percent of our approximate total population. There are 266,072 such schools in the nation, 1,425 of them colleges; and 1,156,508 instructors to man them.

OPINIONAL DIGEST GIVEN BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Raleigh, July 28.—If a prospective mother goes to a physician for prenatal care and refuses to submit to a Wassermann test, the physician should report the refusal to his county health officer or to the state board of health, Attorney General Harry McMullan said today.

The 1939 legislature passed a law requiring prospective mothers to submit to such blood tests. Aim of the law is to stamp out venereal diseases.

Other opinions in a digest released by the attorney general included: An alderman who is an insurance agent may not write the town's insurance.

The mayor of a town may not bid for the sale to the town of coal, oil or other items to be purchased. County commissioners are justified in refusing to issue a beer license to the wife of a man who has been convicted of violating the prohibition law, if the commissioners are satisfied the wife is subservient to and controlled by the husband.

Court costs on account of acts of state highway patrolmen must be paid to the general fund of the county in which the costs are taxed and should not be paid to the patrolman.

Charging of interest in excess of six per cent is prohibited under North Carolina law, and the borrower is entitled to twice the amount of interest paid to the usurer. If the interest has not been paid, the lender would forfeit the entire interest.

Our Own Advice to farmers is that they live at home if they can and then they will not need as much cash income.

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

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FARMERS ANNUAL PICNIC

AT OLD FORT, Wednesday, August 7th.

An interesting program has been arranged for the day. Singing, Contests, Band Music and other features.

FREE

Watermelon and Lemonade

The Farmers Federation truck will leave store in Marion at 9 o'clock. Free transportation will be provided all who wish to attend.

Come and bring your friends.

Farmers Federation

G. D. WALKER, Local Mgr.

Planning a Picnic?



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