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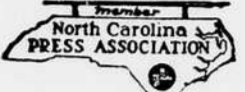
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**YOUTH QUITTING SCHOOL**

Officials of the Federal Government, worried because statistics show a decline in high school attendance of more than one million students in the last three years, have invited all community groups, including teachers, parents, employers, labor organizations, civic leaders, welfare agencies, youth-service organizations, and youth itself to join a "Go-To-School" Drive.

The United States Office of Education reports a steadily increasing number of boys and girls of high school age taking full or part-time jobs. In 1943, about 2,750,000 boys and girls, 14-17 years, were working full or part-time. This was three times the number working at the time of the census in 1940, but, by July 1943, an estimated five million school-age children had jobs.

The trend of students to employment is reflected in a drop in attendance at American high schools. The peak attendance was reached in 1940-41, when 7,250,000 students were enrolled, but today all gains since 1934 have been wiped out and our high schools are educating only as many students as they did ten years ago.

Paul V. McNutt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission, sends a message to the nation's youth, telling them that "the opening of school this fall is your D-Day in the struggle for a better world."

Miss Katherine L. Lenroot, Chief of the Children's Bureau, says that school is the best place to get basic training for good living in the years when the war is over.

John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, points out that the country "can do its duty only if its citizens continue to 'know how.'" He adds, "The best place to get ready for tomorrow is in high school."

**WASTE PAPER NEEDED**

The need for waste paper is "as critical as ever" and every effort will be made to increase waste paper collection and pulp production in order to meet the requirements of the emergency.

S. G. Stevenot, president of a pulp company, points out that one-half of the entire paper output is consumed in packaging material for food, machines and materials shipped overseas. Wood pulp is used in the manufacture of half of our smokeless powder and the diversion of pulp and its products to military uses explains the shortage of paper for civilian use and emphasizes the necessity of continuing the drive to collect waste paper.

We report these facts in order to encourage citizens of McDowell county to continue the efforts to conserve paper and to collect used paper for future use. The waste-paper campaign strengthens the war effort and tends to relieve the shortage of packaging material for the home front.

**MAKE-OVER OLD CLOTHING**

More and more the housewives of McDowell county are becoming conscious of clothing problems. Under the impact of war needs there is gradually developing a shortage of clothes and a deterioration of quality compared with the standards of several years ago.

Along this line, Dr. Hazel Stiebling, of the Bureau of Home Economics of the Department of Agriculture, invites consumers to consider the possibility of making-over old clothes and urges that clothes now in use be conserved for longer wear.

The lady points out that garments laid aside two or three years ago are superior in quality to what the market offers today and that they clean and laundry to better advantage. She thinks that the wise housewife, or family manager, will do well to consider make-overs as a partial solution to the clothes shortage.

Buy More War Bonds.

**Food Arsenals of the World**



**CAPITULATION IS IN NAZI MIND**

The average reader is familiar with the arrogant boasting and bragging of Adolf Hitler in the years when the tide of success was running high for the German Army.

They should appreciate the significance of his recent statement to party leaders that Germany needs "a man who will under no circumstances capitulate," and his assertion that he is necessary to the German nation.

Whereas Hitler used to promise his people victory, together with the wealth and booty of a triumph, and assert that the super-race was destined to manage the entire globe, he now urges his usefulness almost solely on the basis that he is ready for a finish fight and will not capitulate.

This assertion, it seems to us, is a complete give-away as to the German military situation. Obviously, the subject of captulation is in the Nazi mind and it has been placed there by the impressive victories of the Allied armies on the fields of battle.

The German's aspiration to master the world has now been replaced by Hitler's pledge of no capitulation. There has been no change in the German mind. The pressure of Allied arms has convinced the Nazis that triumph is impossible; it will subsequently produce conviction that capitulation is inevitable.

**VICTORY WITHOUT INVASION?**

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, the Commander of our Sea-Air Forces in their spectacular conquest of the Central Pacific, thinks that Japan may be defeated without an invasion of the enemy homeland.

The Admiral realizes that "occupation of Japan would be necessary to insure a winning peace" and that we should keep in mind "the possible necessity of invasion" but he seems to have an idea that the Japanese can be conquered without an invasion by assault.

While the naval chief gives no explanation of his conclusion, it is obviously based upon his familiarity with the possibility attached to a sea blockade, supplemented by unlimited bombing of Japanese centers, ports and facilities.

Admiral Nimitz knows that the future of Japan rests upon the sea, that once the waters surrounding Japan are controlled by the Allied navies, the end of Japan is inevitable.

**YOU TELL ON YOURSELF**

You tell on yourself by the friends you seek,  
By the very manner in which you speak.

By the way you employ your leisure time,  
By the use you make of dollar and dime.

You tell what you are by the things you wear,  
By the spirit in which your burdens bear.

By the kind of things at which you laugh,  
By the kind of words you strew on your path.

You tell what you are by the way you walk,  
By the things of which you delight to talk.

By the manner in which you bear defeat,  
By so simple a thing as how you eat.

By the books you choose from the well-filled shelf;  
By the music you choose for others and yourself,

In these ways and more, you tell on yourself;  
So there's really no particle of sense

In an effort to keep up false pretense.

—From the Lighted Pathway.

Never forget what inflation did to the nation after the last World War.

**RELATIVES ASKED TO CHECK PROGRESS AS TO EXPIRATION DATE**

Relatives of men and women in the service who are receiving The Progress are reminded that such subscriptions are cancelled at expiration. This is a postoffice department requirement.

Expiration notices are sent to all subscribers, but often it is more convenient for parents, wives or other relatives simply to renew the subscription of the boy or girl away from home.

The Progress suggests that relatives check expiration dates of subscriptions of service men and women and that such subscription be renewed prior to expiration, thus eliminating any interruption of receipt of the paper.

**AN OLD NUMBER TRICK**

Apparent widespread credence is being given to current abracadabra which indicates that, due to some strange coincidence of arithmetic, the war will end this September 7th at 2 o'clock. Take the number 3,888, one-half of which is 1944—the present year. One-half of 1944—972—breaks down to the ninth month, seventh day, and second hour.

One is told to consider all the war leaders—Mr. Churchill, for instance. He was born in 1874, is 70, has been British leader for four years, taking office in 1940. Those figures, added together, total the "mystical" 3,888.

President Roosevelt was born in 1882, is 62, has been in office for 11 years, being elected in 1933. Add 'em up. Again, the total is 3,888. And so it goes precisely with the rest: Hitler, born 1889, 55, in office 11 years, took office 1933; total 3,888. Stalin, born 1879, 65, in office 20 years, took office 1924; total 3,888. Even Tojo—though now out in Japan—was born 1884, 60, in office 3 years, took office 1941, total, 3,888.

Why the strange repetition of 3,888? Well, try it on a friend. Ask him to jot down the year of birth; add age in years at time of birthday this year; list the number of years that have passed since the occurrence of some significant event in his life—the year he graduated from college, the year he began work, or the year he married. Finally, he should add the number of years that have passed since that occurrence.

Without knowing any of the figures he has put down, you can tell him, strangely enough, that his total will be 3,888!

Try it on yourself. Naturally, the year of birth plus age this year will total 1944. Twice 1944—3,888! Break this down as you wish. One-half of 3,888 brings us back to 1944; one-half, of 1944 gives 972—9th month, 7th day, 2nd hour.

It's an old number trick—not to be taken more seriously than Hitler's astrologers.—Christian Science Monitor.

French Morocco is larger than France by 19,000 square miles.



**BELK'S for Men's Shoe Values**

**REGULATIONS LISTED FOR SOLDIER VOTING**

Raleigh—The State Board of Elections has announced regulations whereby North Carolinians serving in the armed forces may apply at any time prior to November 7, 1944 for absentee ballots for the general election. Here are the regulations:

1. On a written form signed by the applicant and addressed to the chairman of the board of elections of the applicant's home county.
2. By an informal letter, card, or other writing signed by the applicant and addressed to the chairman of the board of elections of the county in which the applicant resides.
3. By an application for a ballot made pursuant to the Federal absentee ballot act through the office of the secretary of state, or by application for a ballot made to the chairman of the county board of elections of the applicant's home county.

**OVERSEAS CHRISTMAS MAIL**

The Postoffice Department reminds Americans that Christmas packages for Army and Navy personnel overseas must be mailed between September 15th and October 15th.

Because of the importance and getting mail to our service men, we call attention to the reminder of Postmaster-General Frank C. Walker, who urges that these rules be carefully followed:

- (1) Addresses of the sender and addressee should be written inside the package as well as on the outside, to assure delivery in case the outside wrapper is lost.
- (2) Containers made of metal, wood or fiberboard are preferable.
- (3) Parcels must not exceed five pounds, nor be more than 15 inches long or 36 inches in length and girth combined.
- (4) "Christmas Parcel" should be marked plainly on the outside and package should be carefully packed, wrapped and securely tied.
- (5) Perishable goods, intoxicants, inflammable materials and anything that may damage other mail must not be sent.

**BRAVERY IS NOT ENOUGH**

"Bravery alone is not enough to win battles," declared General A. A. Vandergrift, commandant of the Marine Corps in urging youths of pre-military age to return to high school this fall. "To have bravery without knowledge is to be only half prepared. If you have been employed in the factory or on the farm this summer . . . you should plan to go back to high school this fall. We in the Marine Corps feel you can best serve your nation and your fellow men at school, now, building the sound mind in the sound body."

All families in North Carolina are asked to eat an extra roasting chicken a week for the next few weeks and help clear the market of over-size fryers.

**When EXHAUSTION leads to Headache**

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**CAPUDINE**

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North Carolina McDowell County

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Mary J. McCurry, deceased, late of McDowell County, North Carolina, this to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Marion, N. C., on or before the third day of August, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the third day of August, 1944.

W. F. McCURRY, Administrator of the Estate of Mary J. McCurry.

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