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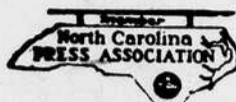
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## WATCH FOR CHILDREN

Do the children on our streets worry you? If they do, it's a good thing, according to S. Gaynor, Assistant Director of the Highway Safety Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles. He warns motorists to be on the lookout for youngsters as milder weather and lengthening days keep more and more children out of doors past school hours.

"Children playing in or near the street are cautious signs for drivers," Gaynor said. "As the winter nip goes out of the air, every day there are more boys and girls on bicycles, on roller skates, coaster wagons, scooters and tricycles—in other words, more kids outside where they may get into the path of your car."

Traffic accidents in 1949 killed more youngsters one to 14 years old than any disease, according to the National Safety Council. One hundred and ten children under 14 years of age were killed and 504 were injured in traffic right here in North Carolina, Gaynor said.

"So if children on the street worry you drivers and you parents—and I hope they do," he said, "be on the lookout for them. Drivers should be especially alert in residential areas and near schools and playgrounds, and parents should do all they can to make sure their children know where to play and where to walk and that they obey traffic safety rules."

"Watch for Children" is the slogan for "Operation Safety," North Carolina's continuing safety program.

## MAN'S WORST ENEMY

Among man's worst enemies are the insects. Insects are the most numerous and versatile group in the animal kingdom, and can be found practically anywhere on earth where life exists.

They can live in water, on land, above the ground or under the ground. They can feed on all parts of a plant above the surface or attack the roots of a plant below the ground. They can find lodging in the heart of the largest of trees or between the surfaces of a leaf or within a tiny silk stalk.

Every housekeeper in Marion knows the scourge of certain insects. Roaches can make life miserable for the woman of the house, while moths may destroy the most valuable clothing in the wardrobe, if proper precautions are not taken.

While ants attack dwellings or either structures and may continue their depredations unknown to anyone until the building is ready to collapse. Flies, with their disease-bearing proclivities, are not only a nuisance but are a menace to the health of human beings.

The farmer sustains an average annual loss of not less than ten per cent of the value of his crops if he takes no measures to control or check the ravages of these insect pests. Weevils, worms, grasshoppers and the like take their annual toll of the profits of the farm.

The fight goes on continuously. Precautions should be taken by everyone to control those insects with which they come in contact and thus help in the general control of such pests.

## EXPLAINING THE ATLANTIC PACT

In connection with the discussion of the North Atlantic treaty we should keep a few facts in mind:

It came into being out of the Soviet Union's misuse of the veto, preventing the development of the full security system contemplated in the United Nations Charter.

The Atlantic Pact would not have come into being if the western nations of Europe had not witnessed in the past three years ten of the thirty nations of Europe fall under the drive of Soviet Imperialism.

The Pact does not permit the United States to declare war but to do immediately what it thinks necessary to check an aggressor and restore peace in the North Atlantic area. If this takes war then the United States is committed to war, but Congress is to decide when the war if necessary to carry out obligation.

The Pact is no guarantee that the Red Army can be prevented from over-running western

Europe but it is notice, served on Russia, that any aggressive attack upon the western nations probably means war with the United States. If this notice had been given to the Kaiser and Hitler, many people believe that there would have been no world war in either instance.

## FOREIGN STUDENTS IN U. S.

In the United States there are 26,759 foreign students attending 1,115 colleges, universities and technical schools in all of the forty-eight states, Alaska, the Canal Zone, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The visiting students come from one hundred and fifty-one countries and dependencies and represent one hundred and fifty-two faiths. Men outnumber women three to one and the average age is about twenty-five years.

It is almost impossible to over-estimate the importance of the effort to encourage foreign students to study in the United States. The government is doing much to assist foreigners to come to this country in the hopes that, when they go back to their homes, they will be able to give an intelligent and impartial picture of the United States and its people.

It may come as a surprise to some readers of The Progress that the students represent one hundred and fifty-two religious faiths. The figure illustrates the divergent views of mankind on questions that have virtually concerned the thinking of human beings for centuries.

Unlike many countries from which the students come, the United States permits everyone to think for himself and hold any religious views that he, or she, happens to favor, which is more than can be said for most of the countries of the world.

## A FOND FAREWELL TO MULES

I am made glad and sad by a bit of news. I read where the farm machinery people predict the Southern farmers will cut the number of farm animals from the 1935-39 average by 34 per cent. As an example of the drop, an estimated 2,000,000 mules and horses will disappear from Southern farms this year.

That makes me glad and sad. I am glad because the mule-drawn play is about finished as an economic competitor. A man with a mule and plow can't compete on equal terms with a man driving a tractor. The man with a one-horse wagon is out of luck trying to get things from fields to barns and from barns to markets when competing against a man with trucks.

Nevertheless this makes me sad. A mule "belongs" on a farm. He "belongs" to plowing, the way ham belongs to eggs. I have a fondness for mules.

A mule has got more sense than most folks. He has got more sense than a horse, a fact which the horse people dispute with no success. The horse people say the mule is ornery, which he is. The mule is folks. He will not kill himself as will a horse, pulling a heavy load. If it is too heavy, the mule knows it and won't pull it. The horse will kill himself trying. The mule is too much like man—ornery, stubborn, friendly, willing, a worker—that people love him. Folks sort of feel a kinship with a mule.

So I hope that as progress keeps progressing some place will be found for the mule. The farm won't look the same without his leering, grinning, synical face peering over the barnyard fence or out of a stall.—Ralph McGill in the Atlanta Constitution.

## A NEW START

I will start anew this morning with a higher, Fairer Creed;  
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed;  
I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear;  
I will waste no moment whining, and my heart shall know no fear.  
I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;  
I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze.  
I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must tread;  
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.  
I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;  
I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own;  
I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine;  
I'll lovingly preach your duty, but be more concerned with mine.—Author Unknown.

There is no way to tell whether Russia wants war or not; you won't know until you see what the Soviet does in the next few years.

There are people in the world who believe that a cash contribution is all that they are required to do for their communities.

There is no reason in the world why an automobile driver cannot exhibit courtesy on the highways.

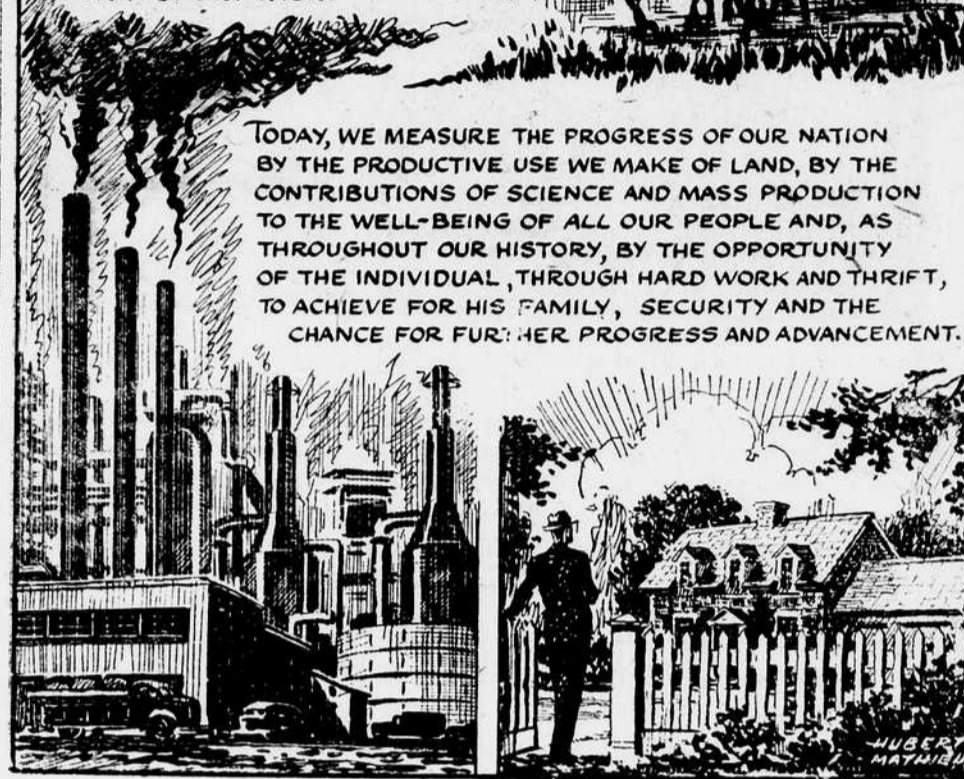
## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

### MEASURES OF PROGRESS



PROGRESS IN THE COLONIAL DAYS OF OUR COUNTRY WAS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EASTERN SEABOARD, OF THE BEGINNINGS OF TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN SETTLEMENTS—AND OF THE START OF EXPLORATION OF THE VAST LANDS AND RESOURCES STRETCHING WESTWARD.

BY THE MIDDLE OF THE LAST CENTURY, AS WE BEGAN TO OPEN UP THE WEST, OUR CONCEPT OF AMERICA'S PROGRESS, THOUGH STILL BASED PRIMARILY ON LAND AND NATURAL WEALTH, EMBRACED AS WELL BROADENING OPPORTUNITIES IN INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORTATION.



TODAY, WE MEASURE THE PROGRESS OF OUR NATION BY THE PRODUCTIVE USE WE MAKE OF LAND, BY THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCIENCE AND MASS PRODUCTION TO THE WELL-BEING OF ALL OUR PEOPLE AND, AS THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, BY THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, THROUGH HARD WORK AND THRIFT, TO ACHIEVE FOR HIS FAMILY, SECURITY AND THE CHANCE FOR FURTHER PROGRESS AND ADVANCEMENT.

## Things That I Wish I Had Known Before I Was Twenty-One

What I was going to do for a living, and what my life work would likely be.

That my health after thirty depended in a large degree on what I put into my stomach before I was twenty-one.

How to take care of money. The commercial asset of being neatly and sensibly dressed.

That a man's habits are mighty hard to change after twenty-one.

That a harvest depends upon seeds sown.

That you can't get something for nothing.

That the world would give me just about what I deserved.

That the sweat of my brow would earn my bread.

That a thorough education not only pays better wages than hard labor, but it brings the best of everything else.

That honesty is the only policy, not only dealing with my neighbors, but also in dealing with myself and with God.

The value of absolute truthfulness in everything.

The folly of not taking older people's advice.

That everything my mother wanted me to do was right.

That "dad" was not an old fogey after all.

What it really meant to father and mother to rear their son.

Most of the helpful and inspiring parts of the Bible, especially the four books dealing with the life of Christ.

The greatness of the opportunity and joy of serving a fellow man.

—Author Unknown.

## LEFT THE AXE

"Say looka heah, Rastus, you all know what you're doin'?" You was going away for a week-end and they ain't a stick o' wood cut for the house."

"Well, what you all whinin' about woman?" I ain't takin' de axe."

The chief products of South Carolina are tobacco, cotton, rice and textiles.



SOMETHIN' TO THINK ABOUT FOLKS!

## TALL TALES

By ELIZABETH WHITTEN

Ole Mrs. Persnikity is a pill. She called me up the other day and said she wanted to get an item in the paper about her dear friend Mrs. "Smith."

I said, "which Mrs. Smith?"

She said, "oh, you know. Her husband has some kind of government job or something and they live in a house on that road with the curves—I can't think of the name of that road right now—but I know you know."

I said, "No, I don't know. What are Mrs. Smith's husband's initials?"

She said, "Don't you know what his initials are?"

I said, "No, what are they?"

"Really," she sighed, "I thought E-V-R-Ybody knew his initials."

"I don't know. Tell me, what are they?"

"She wears the prettiest gray suit. I know you must have seen her on the street and know who I mean."

"What is her name?"

"Well, her name is—oh, I thought E-V-E-R-Ybody knew—it's right on the tip of my tongue—can't think right no—oh, I KNOW you MUST KNOW. We've known them for just years and years. They're the loveliest people. Well, I tell you—oh, I KNOW you MUST KNOW. Well, just call Mrs. Brown, she can tell you."

All of you know Mrs. Persnikity's somewhere, sometime. They're the ones who never take any active part in any organization they belong to, but never fail to attend and comment that the meeting isn't conducted right and don't like the way anybody else runs anything.

They're the ones who tell you about the run in your horse just before you rise to make an announcement before a crowd. They're always lonely and bored, but simply never have time to help the busy people with projects or programs of benefit to the community.

They're always on hand to say how much John Doe or Susie Jones should contribute to a cause, but somehow they've the most interesting disappearing act when it's their time to give.

Never do they hesitate to think up countless thousands of jobs for you or yours and always they're amazed at how little you do or how clumsily you do it, but look as you will you'll never find them engaged in any kind of work. But always you hear how tired they are and, oh glory, you should hear the account of their symptoms.

Yes, surely sometime, somewhere, you must have known a Mrs. Persnikity and most of us have even been guilty of some of her shortcomings, but may heaven protect us from any more of her or them.

A visit in Marion this spring should give anyone a new lease on life. The rows of thrift bordering stone walls, dainty arrays of apple blossoms against deep, blue skies and snowy cloudlets . . . the cheer-

ful, bright yellow of jonquils, lawns blanketed with grass of a rich, green shade, each blade tailored the same length . . . purple iris, poised tulips and fragrant hyacinths. Maybe they have the same flowers other places. Yes, but you don't find a setting of Blue Ridge mountains everywhere. And never, anywhere, will a sunset look as pretty as it does over those mountains.

Have you ever wondered how the date for Easter is set? The World Almanac tells us that in A. D. 325 the Council of the Christian Churches at Nicea in Asia drew up the Nicene Creed, and also decided that Easter shall be on the first Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon which happens upon or next after the 21st of March.

The principal reason was that the pilgrims needed moonlight to travel on their way to the great yearly Easter festivities. Thus the date varies from March 22—April 25.

If Paschal Full Moon falls on a Sunday, then Easter Day is the next Sunday. The Paschal Full Moon is the Fourteenth Day of a Lunar month reckoned according to an ancient ecclesiastical computation and not the real or astronomical full moon.

Easter was the goddess of spring and long before the day of Christianity people celebrated in her honor. Easter lilies are a sign of purity and light. It is believed that the Persians originated the Easter egg custom. Several different theories have been advanced as to the reason for their coloring. One is that they were first colored red to mean a joyous occasion. Another is that red typifies the blood of Redemption and one is that they are dyed to match spring flowers. Another story says they are dyed to match the Northern lights.

There is also a story that at one time eggs were forbidden as food during Lent and on Easter Sunday they were always served at the meal.

Eggs are a symbol of beginning of life and rabbits are a symbol of fertility. Their relation to Easter is to symbolize the beginning of a new life.

## SUPPLIES THE ANSWER

The lecture was emphasizing the demoralizing effect of divorce.

"Love," he said, "is a quest, a proposal, a request; the giving of a daughter in marriage, a bequest; and marriage itself the conquest. But what is divorce?"

Voice from the audience: "The inquest?"

North Carolina hatcheries produced a total of 5,563,000 chicks during February—43 per cent more than in January and 50 per cent more than in February, 1948.

## NOTICE OF TOWN ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election for Mayor and five members of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marion, N. C. is hereby called to be held Tuesday, May 3rd. G. W. Giles has been appointed Registrar and J. Albert Rader and C. R. Craig as Judges of the election. The courthouse of Marion, N. C. is the polling place and the registration books will be open for the registration of voters Saturday, April 9th, and will close Saturday, April 23rd. Saturday, April 30th, is challenge day. The polls will open at 6:30 A. M. and close at 6:30 P. M.

Notice is further given that all persons who desire to become candidates shall file notice of their candidacy with J. W. Streetman, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Marion, on or before April 18th, 1949.

This the 29th day of April, 1949.  
J. W. STREETMAN, Jr., Mayor  
Town of Marion.

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B. B. Byrd, Clerk.

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