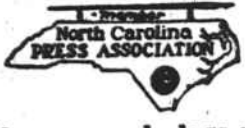


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EDITORIAL

Take it by and large, we suppose they know more that isn't so at Columbia University than perhaps any other like area in the world.

The Germans are very angry at the press of Sweden, saying that the newspapers in that country have insulted Germany. We, for our own part, have been trying for a long time to think of something to say that would be insulting to that bunch. The Swedes actually criticized Hitler's speech.

THE FIFTH COLUMN IN THE SCHOOLS

It is strange how things keep bobbing up, once you have encountered them. Last night, we were reading the American Legion Magazine, and were profoundly interested in an article in which it was charged that Dr. Harold O. Rugg, of Columbia University, and other text book authors, mostly from Columbia, are seeking to undermine the faith of the youth of this country in their government, through the instrumentality of the text books and teacher's guides, in the high schools and junior colleges.

This morning, we see a United Press dispatch from Atlanta, telling of how this same Dr. Rugg and one Jack Kelly nearly came to blows in the Georgia Statehouse, when Kelly called Rugg "the ringmaster of the fifth column in the United States" and stated that Rugg's "Moscow tripe" hasn't any business in the schools of the South.

The writer in the American Legion Magazine stated that his interest was first attracted by a question asked him by his fourteen-year-old son. He said that he followed it up by investigating the text books in the schools, and cities verse and chapter to prove that Dr. Rugg and other educators are trying to poison the minds of the youth against the Government and Constitution of the United States. He says that most of the statements are innocent enough, when taken separately, though some of them are most reprehensible; but that when you study the whole course of "Progressive Democracy," in which are text books and teachers' guides in American History, Civics and the like, that it all fits into a pattern that is definitely intended to give the rising generation of Americans a distinct distaste for their government. The attack is made upon the lives of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and the rest of the "founding fathers," to make the young people believe that instead of being heroes and nation-builders, they were selfish men seeking their own selfish ends. Then the Constitution is attacked, the motives of the men and women who blazed the trails across the continent are held to be of the most selfish kind, and the whole of the history of our country made to appear a sordid kind of performance, instead of the heroic actions of great men and women. That is history's part in the scheme, according to the writer in the Legion Magazine.

This is followed with continual slurs upon the Constitution, the Courts, the whole process of the operation of our Government, and a bid for the youth to seek to establish here a "Democracy," patterned after the Russian Soviet.

We plead ignorance. We knew that more utter tommyrot was coming out of Columbia University than we thought possible to emanate from any one single institution. We knew that the history of the World War has been so distorted as to make fools and monkeys out of our Government and of every man who crossed the ocean to fight for an ideal. We knew that this had been done in the name of an attempt to keep the world out of another war.

But, we did not know that the whole of our history and our system of government was being attacked in the public schools, through the clever machinations of men who write the textbooks and the guides for the teachers.

The Legion challenged every member of that organization to examine into the books being taught in the schools, and see if this is not true. We don't know whether any such text books are in use in North Carolina. But, we call upon every educator, every parent, every patriot in this state to accept the challenge of the Legion Magazine, and really find out for ourselves what is being dished out to the children in the name of history, civics, government, and Democracy.

This is no time for foolishness. We have had enough of that for the past twenty-five years. It is time for us to inform ourselves as to what is really going on, not only in our public school books, both text books and parallel reading, but also in our other literature, including our church papers, our Sunday School magazines, and our Young People's magazines.

FRANCE THEN AND NOW

The more we read about it, the more convinced are we that the France that fell before the armies of Hitler is not the France that we knew. That France was brave, true, unconquered and unconquerable. That France believed in some eternal principles, and believed that they were worth defending to the death. That France, in the face of great odds, said: "They Shall Not Pass," and they didn't. The France that Hitler overthrew was a nation that had lost its soul. Selfishness, greed, the love of ease, had taken away the love of principle, and France fell before a virile people who believed in something. That something in which they believed is a terrible something, utterly repulsive to the peoples of the earth who love liberty and truth and justice; but the Germany of Hitler believed it. A man, a nation, must believe before it can prevail. Let us take a lesson here and rededicate ourselves to a firm faith in our country, in our Government, in our Democracy, in the work of the Founding Fathers, and in the God in whom our fathers trusted. If we do that, we shall have builded a mighty defense that cannot be overthrown.

"Where there is no vision the people perish." Where men live for the gain of wealth, the gain of ease, the worship of temporal things, they and their nation perish or are held captive until the lesson of idealism and faith are learned anew. It has ever been so. It will continue to be so.

We must build armaments. We must have a navy second to none upon the seas. Our air force must be the best and strongest. But and above all, America must save her soul by holding on to the ideals that made her great. Otherwise, we too shall perish. We cannot place our trust in "reeking tube and iron shard." We must pray: "Lord God, of Hosts, be with us yet; Lest we forget. Lest we forget."

A firm faith, and an unselfish devotion to ideals on the part of the people are, after all, the only sure defense. That is why we must ever be on the alert to see that the faith our fathers had is handed down to those who come after us.

EARNINGS AND SOIL SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Income improvement and conservation of natural resources have gone hand in hand in North Carolina since 1933, according to Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service.

Under the first agricultural conservation program in 1936, approximately 195,000 Tar Heel farmers participated. Of the total cropland, about 67 per cent, or 4,969,000 acres was covered by applications for payments. A total of 605,212 acres was diverted from soil-depleting crops.

Soil-building practices were put into effect on about 1,090,000 acres as follows: New seedings of legumes and legume mixtures, perennial grasses for pasture, and green manure crops—1,019,975 acres; fertilizer and lime applications—42,700 acres; forest tree plantings—395 acres; terracing—26,485 acres; and miscellaneous—770 acres.

North Carolina growers have continued to participate actively in the AAA programs. There were 192,240 receiving payments under the 1937 program and 291,144 under the 1938 program. Applications for payments covered 5,275,947 acres, or 65 per cent of the cropland in the state, under the 1937 program, and 6,556,000 acres, or 82 per cent of the cropland, under the 1938 program.

In addition to the Agricultural Conservation Program, many North Carolina farmers have signed five-year agreements with the Soil Conservation Service for complete programs of erosion control and good land management. At the first of this year, 3,460 farms, including 969,113 acres, were operating under such agreements.

FARM SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS MONTH

With summer on the wane, State College specialists recommend the following good farming practices for September, the first autumn month of the year:

Plant winter grazing crops now, says Earl H. Hostetler, professor of animal husbandry. Italian rye grass or any of the cereal grains make excellent grazing for all kinds of livestock during the winter and early spring. The grazing will be improved and the period extended if white Dutch clover or crimson clover is seeded with the grain or grass.

Ellis Vestal, extension swine specialist, says many pigs are farrowed in September. But before farrowing time, put the brood sow in a field that has

been cultivated since any hogs ranged over it. Never let pigs go to old hog lots or pens. Keep them on clean land until they weigh at least 100 pounds. Vestal also says a sow worth feeding should have a good farrowing house. County agents have blueprints of these houses which any grower may obtain.

September is a good month to plant pastures recommends John Arey, extension dairyman. It is one of the most favorable months of the year, since seedlings made now will get off to a good start during the fall and winter. This will enable them to withstand better the droughts of summer, a fact which is not always true of pastures planted in the spring.

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British Determination Stiffened In Face Of Germany's Air Raids

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the Empire." Britain would be greatly crippled should either Suez Canal or Gibraltar fall to her enemies, and they are laying plans to try and take both, thus bottling up the British in the Mediterranean, with a strong fleet, huge stores of munitions, and many thousands of troops from various parts of the Empire. Thus the battles along the African coast are considered most vital to British success. If the British can gain the whip hand down that way, then the small nations in Africa and Southern Europe, who have been wavering, and the French colonies are expected to throw their weight toward the British, thus paving the way for the eventual overthrow of Hitler and Mussolini. A severe defeat of the Italians would also greatly endanger the government for the Italian people were none to anxious to follow their leaders into the war in the first place.

LOANS FOR FARMERS IN FLOODED AREAS AVAILABLE FROM FSA

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horses, 2 cows, or 2 brood sows. A good grain mixture for grazing is the one given under Hay Crops.

Cr. Clover as given under Hay Crops also may be grazed. A rye mixture may be used by planting one bushel of Abruzzi rye and one bushel of oats or beardless barley per acre between September 15 and October 1 and fertilizing with 300 pounds per acre, of a 4-10-4 mixture.

A clover mixture for grazing may be used by planting 20 pounds of crimson clover and 15 pounds of Italian rye grass per acre between September 15 and October 1 and fertilizing the same as for the rye mixture.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE NEEDED AT BALSAM

(By Gertrude Ruskin)

I don't know who the men are that wield the "powers that be," but can't their hearts be touched at the sight of the little children trudging to the draughty school house at Balsam every day and to a building that is beyond repair? The out-door are dirty and in winter are cold. The drinking water is outdoors also. There is inadequate heat causing their little bodies to shiver and catch cold. The lighting is inadequate, causing eye strain. It's hard to sleep nights knowing the kind of school the boys and girls have to learn their reading, writing arithmetic in.

It is little enough to start the children out in life healthy in mind and body for they will need all the strength we can give them to cope with the world of tomorrow, courageously and without fear.

We've been promised and promised a new school house at Balsam. Every one who is in a position to do something about it has been here at one time or another to see the unsanitary and dilapidated building which sits on top of a red clay hill where the children track in so much mud in wet weather that it is necessary to scrape it out with a hoe.

There are enough school children to justify the building of a small school house at Balsam, for there are 113 children enrolled this year with three teachers to meet their needs.

Over fifty summer homes have been built at Balsam. Several new ones went up this summer, swelling the number. New homes are in prospect for next summer for several building lots were sold this season. Balsam shows a steady healthy growth. To keep pace with this growth we need better roads and a decent school house.

We have been urged to come to Western North Carolina by your advertising campaigns in the various states. We've come,

we've built, we're one of you, and now we want all weather roads to be able to get to our homes and a good school house for the children.

I believe we've just been overlooked for we're way over here on the extreme end of the county and next to Haywood, but that isn't excuse enough for ignoring us. There is good tax money paid in at Balsam for roads and schools, so why not open up the money bag and apportion it out a little more evenly?

We love our kids and want to see them get a good start in life whether the children are our own or some one else's. It seems to us that schools should be divorced from politics and the good of the children have first consideration for the young people of the country and Jackson county are the Hope of the World!

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