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PLUS AND MINUS

Citizens of North Carolina, who are interested in the adequate education of their children, will be interested in the finding of Dr. R. W. McDonald, head of the Department of Education at Salem College, who recently cited four positive and nine negative factors in connection with the status of education in North Carolina.

Dr. McDonald's 13 points, good and bad, positive and negative, follows:

Positive

- 1—North Carolina has adopted a State minimum educational program for an eight-month term.
- 2—North Carolina has paid teachers' salaries (such as they are) on time and in negotiable form.
- 3—North Carolina has consistently elected to public office only those persons who have avowed their interest in public education.
- 4—North Carolina has simplified the school district organization of the State.

Negative

- North Carolina is the only State in the union which—
- 1—Has deliberately lowered its educational standards by act of its Legislature.
 - 2—Has levied a new tax purposely for schools and at the same time has approximated less State money for schools.
 - 3—Has adopted a policy of discouraging local interests in schools.
 - 4—Has a city as large as Winston-Salem with only eight months of school.
 - 5—Pays no teacher a living wage (\$720 per year is the maximum).
 - 6—Has two State boards of education, with confusion as to their powers.
 - 7—Provides no supervisors of instruction.
 - 8—Has wiped out by a single act of its Legislature all of the constructive actions taken by popular vote in every school district in the State.

CORRECTION

The handsome picture on the last page with "Floyd Adams" under it is that of Wilbur H. Royster, candidate for the house of representatives.

CROP ACREAGES TO BE REPORTED TO TAX LISTERS

Few town people appreciate that every farm owner in North Carolina has been paying heavy taxes on land investments that were unprofitable since 1920.

Thousands of these non-speculative farming enterprises represented generations of strict economies and savings.

Farming has been unprofitable for real reasons. The production was too much leaving a surplus at the end of the season. There was no effective farm production and marketing organizations. Farmers kept no cost and farm records to really show them where the leaks were. They have been too eager to put their meager savings into unscrupulous hands. They have given little heed to the wise advice and suggestions of agricultural officials.

This spring all land owners are expected to report to their tax listers the acres of each crop that they expect to harvest this year.

9—Spends this year less than \$19 per child enrolled as a State average for operating its public schools.

In recent months these in authority in North Carolina have heavily stressed the four positive factors in the State education system. But friends of education in North Carolina must not permit the nine negative factors to be forgotten. Until they are removed, there is plenty of time to wait before indulging in unstinted praise of our educational situation.

WAKELON SCHOOL CLOSING

This week closes another successful year of our local high school. From every standpoint it has been a good year. Nothing serious has occurred to interfere with the work of the school. While a mild epidemic of measles threw a scare last month, it did not seriously interfere with the work of the school.

We had a good faculty, teachers who were prepared for their work and took it seriously. The death of Miss Daphne Carraway threw sadness over the school and community, but Mrs. P. H. Massey has filled the position left vacant very acceptably.

The commencement was of an unusually high order, and the patrons of the school attended as usual in great numbers. The debate, senior class exercises and address were all very enjoyable. On the whole, the commencement occasion measured up to the high standard of the years gone by. We are proud of our school, and rejoice in its progress and success, as one of the best high schools in the state.

SEEN AND HEARD

The mother of a seventh grade pupil was buying a dress for her daughter to wear for graduation on Wednesday. She asked the opinion of another customer in the store with regard to the dress under consideration. The one questioned replied that she thought it a good choice, as it could be worn on many occasions after school had closed. The mother said: "Well, that's what her teacher told us to do. They want us to get things that can be used and not spend any more than we have to. They've got feeling for us."

Those who know Wakelon's seventh grade teachers will agree with that comment.

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Chevrolet Sales

A total of 62,388 units were delivered by Chevrolet dealers during the first twenty four days of April, according to W. E. Holler, general sales manager of Chevrolet Motor Company. Sales for the year through this period total 235,332 units as compared to 154,526 units in the same period of 1933, making the period 152 per cent of the corresponding period in 1933.

Sales reported for the twenty days of April are more than 180 per cent of the corresponding 1933 April figure of 34,354 units.

Retail deliveries of commercial cars and trucks continue to gain; 16,224 trucks were delivered during the April period, which triples the 1933 figure of 5,304 units for the same period. Sales in the commercial field have shown steady increases, Mr. Holler pointed out, and at the close of this April period had reached a record figure of 73,619 units for 1934.

FIGHT POTATO BUGS WITH CALCIUM ARSENATE

Ordinary calcium arsenate, such as has been used for years in dusting cotton to control the boll weevil, makes an effective and economical poison for control of the Colo-

rado potato beetle or potato bug.

The calcium arsenate may be used as a dust or as a spray and in either case will give effective control. If the calcium arsenate is used, there is no need to apply any additional poison for the material is absolutely effective and is the cheapest material we would recommend. When using it as a dust, cover the plants well. The amount to use will, of course, depend on the size of the plants.

The dust may be applied with one of the hand dusters used in applying the calcium arsenate to cotton. There is little danger of burning the potato plants with the material but there is no reason for wasting the poison by using too much.

While the dust method of application is probably the most economical, a good spray mixture can be made by using two pounds of the arsenate in 50 gallons of water. For small areas, such as may be found about the average farm home, a spray may be made by mixing 10 tablespoonsful in three gallons of water.

Whichever form is used, start the applications as soon as the potato bugs appear in numbers and continue the applications just as often as the beetles continue to infest the plants.

Back Home With Eyes Full

The above title was selected by Miss Muriel Bailey for an article sent to the Record too late for publication last week. Miss Bailey was one of a number of Johnston County club women and girls who recently went on a trip to Charleston, S. C., with Miss Rachel Evrette as guide.

Miss Bailey says:

"One of the great attractions of this tour was the majestic pines, wide spreading, straight and true towering live oaks with festoons of Spanish moss, flowers in vivid hues and sunshine in a bracing, pine-laden air.

Excusing the little two-room houses and stick-dirt chimneys the twenty, thirty and forty acre fields of cabbage, potatoes and rice proved very interesting.

Charleston's possession of the only first class navy yard between Hampton Roads and San Francisco was very beautiful, as this place claims 36 miles of water-front. Ft. Sumter scene is included with this spotted beauty.

Some of the crowd went up in the tower of St. Michael church and there viewed the whole town of Charleston. From there they went out to Murray Boulevard, E. Battery through the old Simmons

gateway, viewing innumerable interesting scenes.

The Ashley River claimed the prettiest banks; but a better view was witnessed on the Cooper river bridge as an unestimated distance could be seen, reaching far over the ocean. It is three miles from Charleston.

The peak of interest was the Middleton garden, which is a uniquely beautiful spot. Fine growth of oaks, magnolias, azaleas, japonicas, and wild Cherokee roses are there. Azaleas grow 15 feet high with a diameter of 20 feet. masses of blossoms from palest pink to deepest crimson and from lilac blue to purple with now and then a pure white bush. This garden covers 40 acres and has 6 different pools, a beautiful brick building and a small home and equipment of about 190 years back, and pole bridges of the same date. The garden has a giant oak 900 years old and 37 feet in circumference, the branches of which cover 144 feet.

Of all towns and floral glories seen on the trip, Charleston and the Middleton garden were the most beautiful."

Thirty-five tobacco growers in Cumberland county who refused to accept revised contracts and 20 others who refused to sign the original contract have been given another opportunity to take part in the adjustment program.

Cotton Seeds Fertilizer
Sykes Big B. Soda
Soy Beans, Navy Beans, Peanuts, Lima Beans,
Snaps, Garden Peas, Potatoes
Peas, Sugar Crowder, Rice, Blue Hull, Coffee
HAY—CHOICE TIMOTHY—\$20.00 PER TON
WANTED—Stock Peas, Corn, In Trade
All Kind Seeds—Sudan Grass—Millet

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State Theatre

"Death Takes A Holiday" which will be shown at the State, Raleigh, Friday and Saturday is truly magnificent production.

Frederic March in the starring role makes another bid for the best acting award of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences which he won for his role in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" in 1932.

Evelyn Venable, formerly leading lady to Walter Hampden, is serenely beautiful in the featured feminine role.

Its frankly provocative theme concerns the problem of Death taking a three-day holiday that he may study life, learn why men love living and fear the eternal parting.

He comes to earth as a gay, dashing, romantic lover, enthusiastically taking part in all of life's pastimes and games. But nothing intrigues him.

He saves love till the last, until almost the end of his holiday. He finds no difficulty in meeting women who offer him love, but finds no love that is unselfish, eternal, until his holiday is almost over. Then, in a series of dramatic circumstances, he finds an enduring love, and, in the arms of a beautiful girl learns all that is beautiful in life. But, he, like any mortal man, must depart—and dreads the thought of leaving behind the life he found so rapturous.

Louise Norman Williams will present her annual revue of the Studio and Dance on the stage matinee and night today only.

A musical comedy, a cartoon and News complete this program.

The marked popularity of "It Happened One Night" at the State Theatre, Raleigh, all next week, attests the favor in which Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert are held among local movie-goers. The romantic pair, teamed together on the screen for the first time in this delightful romantic comedy drama, enact the most colorful roles in their respective careers, Gable appearing as the knightly ex-news-paper reporter, and Miss Colbert portraying the petulant, supercilious "Ellie Andrews," a runaway heiress making her way to New York.

The two meet, rather inauspiciously, on a bus leaving Miami. Gable notes with growing concern the girl's apparent helplessness and takes her under his wing. Missing the bus at a stop-over, they decide to hitch-hike the rest of the way. Their adventures from this point on provides a wealth of comedy, romance and drama, presented in the finest directorial tradition of Frank Capra, the man who also made "Lady For A Day" and "American Madness."

Robert Riskin adapted "It Happened One Night" from the Cosmopolitan Magazine story by Samuel Hopkins Adams, which was published under the title of "Night Bus." In the large supporting cast are Walter Connolly, as Miss Colbert's irate father, and Roscoe Karns, a traveling salesman who puts Claudette "on the make," rather unsuccessfully..