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NEGRO SUMMER SCHOOLS

The Twenty-four Schools Have Made Satisfactory Progress.

Raleigh, July 31.—Twenty-four negro summer schools, the first of which opened June 1st, have made satisfactory progress, Prof. N. C. Newbold, director of the State division of negro education, announced yesterday. He also reported success along other lines of negro education, including the publication of numerous school papers. Negro summer schools were conducted this year at the following North Carolina points: Roxboro, Whiteville, Winston-Salem, Fayetteville, Durham, Asheville, Elizabeth City, Salisbury, Charlotte, Method, Raleigh, Greensboro, Henderson, Rich Square, New Bern, Greenville, Spindale, Newton, Wilkesboro and Laurinburg. At some of these

places two schools were conducted. "Negro education in North Carolina," said State Superintendent A. T. Allen, "has been greatly stimulated within the last five years. The division of negro education in the State department has been able to give this expansion wise direction and greatly to encourage our negro population. It has also been instrumental in bringing about a more amicable relation between the races and in restoring the confidence of each race in the good intentions of the other." "Last year," said Director Newbold, "seven negro schools received \$500 each. The increase of aid received from this source shows something of how our high schools have developed as prospects in one year. "The Wilkes County Training School has made most satisfactory gains in one

year. A course in negro history was offered last year. "The following negro educational institutions issued 'annuals' at the last commencement: West Street High School, New Bern; Bennet College High School, Greensboro; Columbia Heights High School, Winston-Salem; State Normal, Elizabeth City; Warren County Training Schools, Wise; Mary Potter School, Oxford; Henderson Institute, Henderson; Johnston County Training School, Smithfield; Shaw University, Raleigh. "Numerous high schools have begun the publication of papers." Many valuable products come from the mangrove forests of Siam, which cover an estimated area of 320,000 acres.

Stewart's Washington Letter

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WASHINGTON—Congress passes a lot of laws it's impossible to understand. They can be read in two or more different ways. Or they contain conflicting clauses or conflict with other laws. Or nobody's able to figure out just what they do mean. What would seem to be the natural thing to do when one of these mixed up laws gets onto the statute books? Why, to ask Congress about it, of course. Congress passed it. If anybody knows what Congress' idea was in doing it, it certainly must be Congress itself. So why, when the executive branch of the government runs up against one of these incomprehensibly-worded enactments, doesn't go to the legislative branch and say, "This thing doesn't make sense—what in heck were you trying to get at?" Then it could be explained, or fixed.

BUT no. That isn't the system at all. Instead, the puzzle either is passed on up to the courts for an "interpretation" or turned over to one of the

government's numerous administrative bureaus or commissions to be guessed on. Now a judicial decision on a question of constitutionality is one thing. If Congress attempts something the fundamental code forbids, they doubtless it's some court's business to point out that it can't be done. But interpreting and guessing laws into shape is different—it amounts to making them. The judges do their interpreting with such straight faces—their faith in their own infallibility is so well-grounded—that the bystander, watching them at it, isn't apt to realize how ridiculous it is. How do they know what meaninglessness means, any better than anybody else? The executive officials, however, don't all take their guessing quite so seriously. "The fact is," a high functionary of the So-and-so Bureau told me recently, "We never've been able to dope out how Congress intended the Such-and-such Act to work, but we've agreed on what we thought perhaps it meant and that's the way we enforce the law." People go to jail, and pay big fines on the strength of it, too.

DINNER STORIES

Mother: "What, Bobby! You ate all that cake without thinking of your little sister?"
Bobby: "I was thinking of her all the time. I was afraid she would come before I finished."

Hired Girl: "Shall I dust off the brickbrac in the drawn' room, ma'am?"
Mistress: "Not today, Nora. I don't think we can afford it."

The Girl's Father: "Ho, hum! Well, I think I'll smoke a cigar and then go to bed."
Her Suitor: "Here! Have a cigarette."

Warden: "What's your number, my man?"
Prisoner 1899: "Either No. 1989, 1898 or 1998, I can't exactly give you the right number."
Warden: "Say! What were you before you were sent up?"
Prisoner 1899: "A telephone operator, sir."

The waiter was taking the order of a pretty girl who was accompanied by a florid, middle-aged man.
"And how about the lobster?" the waiter inquired.
"Oh, he can order whatever he likes," came the startling reply.

Pessimus: "I tell you, sir, most people are crooks."
Optimus: "I have never found it so myself, but of course a man can only judge the world by the company he keeps."

"Oh, what a cute little dolly! Does she say 'Mama' when you squeeze her?"
"Naw! My doll's modern doll. When you squeeze her, she says, 'Oh, Boy!'"

Doctor: "Exercise is what you need, my man; what do you work at?"
Patient: "I'm a bricklayer."
Doctor: "Lay an extra brick, every day."

Fatter and Farther.
Passenger: "Please, conductor, will you help me get off the train?"
Conductor: "Certainly, madam."
Passenger: "You see, it's this way. Being rather stout, I have to get out backwards—the porters think I'm getting in—so they give me a shove and say 'Hurry up, ma'am.' I'm five stations past where I want to go now."

Child Dies of Drinking Kerosene Oil.
Gastonia, N. C., July 31.—Violet Ruth Mauney, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mauney, is dead here as the result of drinking a small quantity of kerosene oil, which she swallowed from a bottle with which she was found to have been playing.

No man's knowledge can go beyond his experience.

A Dangerous Combination

Charlotte Observer.

The combination of unlighted wagon and glaring headlight caused a mix-up on the Concord-Mt. Pleasant road which has provoked a letter to Governor McLean. It is all the better that the letter should take this form because it emphasizes a condition common on the North Carolina highways, as it emphasizes the blunder of the Legislature in killing the law which would have required wagons and all other vehicles using the State highways to carry lights at night. As a matter of course, Governor McLean is not responsible for conditions of the kind, but the motion of the victim in gaining the greater publicity for his complaint is not a bad one. The glaring headlight obtains in spite of law and common sense. Careful drivers by night may dim their lights persistently, only to have response by an occasional driver. The dazzling and blinding headlight is especially dangerous when encountered while an unlighted wagon is involved in the situation, or when a pedestrian is walking alongside the road under shadow of the light. The affair on the highway in Cabarrus is duplicated in some part of the State almost every night.

The people who drive unlighted wagons do so at their own risk; it would not be so bad if possible consequences stopped there. The greater danger is to other people. A mighty fine citizen of Charlotte was slain on the Davidson highway several months ago by a project bit of timber from an unlighted wagon. It is the unfortunate privilege of drivers of wagons to use the highways without lights at night; it would not have been so if the good sense of the legisla-tors had prevailed at the moment when the bill was on the eve of passage.

It is well that incidents indicating the dangers of the unlighted wagon may have record in the newspapers, that they may have even the more impressive form of publicity through the Governor, that the next Legislature may be bolstered in courage to enact a law the need of which is becoming more and more apparent.

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