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Educational Progress.
University News Letter.

In 1900 all public school property in North Carolina was valued at \$1,077,564. In 1924 public school property was valued at nearly sixty million dollars. In 1890-1900 we spent all told on public education \$1,082,303. In 1923-24 we spent \$29,747,075. Of the total expenditure \$37,000 went for outlay purposes in 1890-1900, while in 1923-24 we spent for outlay purposes \$10,608,419.

Twenty-five years ago the average schoolhouse in North Carolina was worth \$158.65. The average school house is now worth more than eight thousand dollars. In 1900 there were more than five thousand white one-teacher schools in North Carolina. In 1924 there were 1,933.

In 1890-1900 the average length of the school term was 70.8 days, against 143.4 days in 1923-24.

Four hundred thousand children were enrolled in school in 1900 against nearly eight hundred thousand in 1924. Only half of those enrolled were in average daily attendance in 1890-1900, against 72 per cent for 1923-24.

In 1900 there were only thirty public high schools in the state with a total enrollment estimated at 2,000. In 1923-24 there were 438 public high schools with an enrollment of 63,875 pupils. In this particular the bulk of the growth has taken place since 1919. As late as 1916 our high schools graduated only 1,061 students, while in 1924 our high schools graduated 6,900 students. Our education-

al system has been functioning long enough for the high schools to begin to show real results. The increasing number of high school graduates within very recent years is the most amazing fact in the educational progress of the state. Our schools have finally begun to bear large crops of fruit.

Modern Artist: "I do wish, my good woman, that when you clean my studio you would put things back just as you found them. Now, how the dickens am I to know which way up this picture ought to go?"

There are so many things wrong with the world you haven't much time to worry over any particular one.

DINNER STORIES

On the Job.
A girl from the telephone exchange fell asleep while at church. The preacher announcing the hymn said: "Number 428." "It's ring 'em again," she murmured.

"Step right up, ladies and gentlemen," shouted the showman at the circus, "and see the woman get saved in two before your very eyes. Only 25 cents."

"I'll risk a quarter," said a man to himself, "though, of course, it must be a trick. Otherwise, they'd charge more."

Wife: "What's the matter, dear? You look worried."
Husband: "The books at the office won't balance."
Wife: "Can't you buy some new ones?"

"So, Brown took a course in first aid? Is he good at it?"
"A little lousy sometimes. A man was nearly drowned yesterday, and the first thing Brown did was to throw a glass of water in his face."

One of those country gentlemen who owns a farm in Brown county but lives in Indianapolis and only spends his week-ends on the farm, asked a neighbor down in Brown: "Did you know that T. C. Steele sold the picture he painted of your farm?"
The farmer made no reply and then the country gentleman told him the price the artist got for the canvas.
"I just wish I had known the fellow like the place well enough to pay that for a picture of it," the farmer said. "I'd have sold him the farm-fo' \$200 less than that."

Wetwisk: "What drove the light house keeper's wife crazy? Loneliness?"
Roughdry: "Not exactly. She was listening in at the radio while a big dry goods store ashore was describing a bargain sale for the next day."

Wife: "We certainly need a new car, honey-boy."
Hubby: "Yes, angel, but how can we arrange it? We owe \$200 still on our old car and another \$200 at the grocery."
Wife: "Can't you apply one of those bills against the other and have them call it square, or something?"
He: "Do you think you could learn to love me?"
She: "Well I could tell better after the first lesson."

Stewart's Washington Letter

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON — "For blind, sickening, unreasoning terror," said an army aviator, "life hasn't anything to offer equal to the sensations of a man's first parachute jump. I mean letting go for the drop. After the chute opens it's all right. Anticipation's the killing part."

"WHEN the United States entered the war I was cast for an artillery observer. After a little preliminary training they strapped a parachute on my back, looking and feeling as little like anything that would let me down easy as any other little package from a dry goods store. They showed me how to pull the ring that opened it, and then they bundled me into the basket with the instructor. Up shot the balloon. I was scared to begin with. The balloon's motion upset my stomach, too. I felt deathly sick. About a mile high, it seemed to me, 'Over you go,' said the instructor.

"CAREFULLY I lowered myself, gripping the basket edge with my fingers. I didn't dare to look down.

"Leggo," shouted the instructor, looking overide. And I found I couldn't let go.
"Physically, my fingers wouldn't unhook."
"Bingo! The instructor hit me on the knuckles with a little mallet."
"It broke my hold."
"Whoosh! I shot down, maybe a hundred feet. Up went my vitals into my throat, just as your insides do when an elevator sinks from under you too fast—only a thousand times worse. I gave the ring a yank."
"WHAT'S that you say? You'd think a man'd be too frightened to pull the ring?"
"Don't you believe it. That's the one thing he isn't too frightened to do. I pulled it all right."
"Snap! It was the chute opening up-overhead. Yoop! I felt an awful jerk, nearly tearing me apart."
"Swish! down went my gliblets to the soles of my feet—the elevator act again, only coming to a sharp stop this time, after a swift slump down the shaft."
"And then I felt myself swinging gently in the air, with the earth coming up to meet me, way very fast."

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OUT OUR WAY

BY WILLIAMS



NOSUH WES, I AINT GOT NO CHANCT WITH MISS VANCE. SHE'S GOT STUCK ON A MANGY FURRINER AN' TH' DIRTY PUP IS STALLIN' HER OFF—SEE WHAT SHE SEZ—
Am waiting for Lochinvar to come out of the west and take me back with him. But I wait in vain.
TH' DIRTY DIRTY PUP!

NO CHANCE? WHN SMOKEY HAVENT YOU EVER READ THE POEM ABOUT YOUNG LOCHINVAR? GOOD GOSH! SMOKEY! WHAT DO YOU EXPECT HER TO DO? HIT YOU WITH AN AXE?

ON TH' BRONC WENT UP, AN HE BENT HISSELF DOUBLE AN' THEY CANT GIT TH' DUDE TILL THEY GIT A STEAM SHOVEL—YUMMA TIDDY YOOPER YA!

THE INTERPRETER.

ATTACKING A POLICY BEFORE IT'S TRIED

High Point Enterprise.

Before the State's budgetary system was ten days old, it sustained attack not only from an important member of the Council of State but from the President of the North Carolina Press Association.

"Business" is assailed as retrogressive before economy even is allowed to show what it can do in operating the State intelligently and satisfactorily. And are Mr. Everett and Mr. Braxton unwilling to try a business-like administration of public affairs?

The reports from Raleigh have magnified every move made by the State Salary and Wage Commission. The questions asked State employes in a general data gathering effort for the Commission were "played up," as was the indignation of college professors and girl stenographers at the intimate character of the prolog.

So before the new policy was in effect, it was thrown into a measure of disrepute.

But all this will not swerve the Governor. Mr. McLean is a business man, pledged to give the State a business administration. He confessed recently that the task was a harder one than he thought it would be, but he indicated no weakening of will. The budget system will be given its try-out, and once tried out the administration that dares depart from it will do so at its own risk and the hazard of the political party that supports it.

The institution of the policy of a balanced budget is not easy in any loosely run business. When it is applied to the State with its various bureaus and departments it is a great task. The Governor has his hands full. He needs the support not only of his counselors at the capitol, but of the press of North Carolina. He will succeed without that support, perhaps, but lack of it must make his undertaking more difficult.

THE WAY WE DO

Statesville Daily.

Down at Charlotte a man who put his hands on a young girl in a picture show was arrested. He explained that he was unconscious of what he was doing after he and his friends had consumed \$10 worth of liquor, which he had bought. In other words, he confessed to three offenses—buying liquor, drinking liquor and insulting a girl. Fined \$10 for the purchase of liquor, judgment suspended for drunkenness. For laying his hands on the girl, which was assault, nothing done. Of course the punishment will make no impression on the man if he is disposed to repeat. There is no deterring effect in a fine of \$10. The light sentence was of course because the man was drunk. It has for so long been the practice to overlook the conduct of a man under the influence of liquor, unless the offense is very grave, that we can't get away from the custom, even though the law has never recognized drunkenness as an excuse—not in the old days when the sale of liquor was legalized. By excusing it now we excuse at one and the same time several offenses, some of them serious. It is a violation of law to buy liquor, a violation to carry it around, a violation to drink to excess. And the buying and drinking mean that we are upholding law violators, contributing to an unlawful business and helping to keep it going, aiding and abetting in lawlessness, encouraging defiance of the law and all the evils growing out of trampling the law underfoot. That is the most serious of all; that's what buying and drinking liquor mean. Those who engage in that, who defend it or condone it in any respect, are contributing not only to all the evils growing out of the liquor traffic and the use of liquor, but they are actually contributing to the break-down of law and recognized authority.

Not hypocrites that we are, we do not take this law seriously. Many who shouted for it never intended to take it seriously. And to all the sins mentioned is added hypocrisy, for which it is difficult to escape the damnation of hell, if we accept the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth.

A traveler passing through a small country town noticed a post on which was marked the height to which the river had risen during a recent flood. "Do you mean to say," he asked a native, "that the river rose as high as that?"
"Oh, no," replied the native; "but the children used to rub off the original mark, and the mayor ordered it to be put higher up, so as to be out of their reach."

Brighton, the famous English resort, contemplates painting its pavements green, in order, "to give a more restful appearance."

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MAYBE SOMEONE GAVE THEM A LIFT—THEY COULDN'T HAVE WALKED ALL THE WAY BACK IN TWO DAYS

I JUST KNOW THEY'RE BOILING MAD AT US AND HATE TO THINK WHAT THEY'VE TOLD THE NEIGHBORS ABOUT OUR QUARREL

TO HEAR YOU TALK ANYONE WOULD THINK I MISTREATED THEM—THEY AGREED TO SHARE THE EXPENSES OF THE TRIP AND JUST BECAUSE THEY WERE MORE THAN THEY EXPECTED THEY GOT PEEVED AND CAME HOME

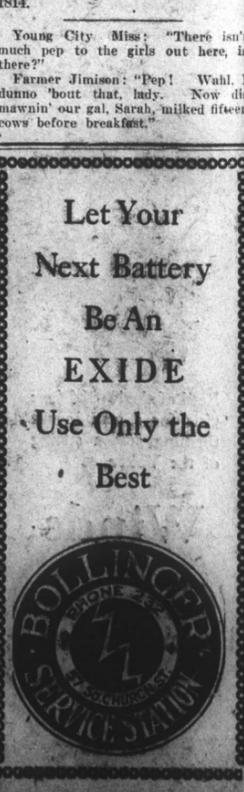
WELL—THIS MISUNDERSTANDING WILL HAVE TO BE SETTLED—YOU CAN GO OVER IN THE MORNING AND OFFER SOME KIND OF AN APOLOGY

HELLO THERE MR TYTE—HOW'D YOU FOLKS GET HOME?

WE HIRED A TAXI!! WE'LL DO OUR TOURING IN ONE IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE IT'S MORE ECONOMICAL—WE CAN TRUS AVOID BEING VICTIMIZED BY YOUR CLEVER SCHEME TO MAKE US SHARE THE EXPENSE OF REPLACING ALL THE OLD, WORN OUT PARTS IN YOUR AUTOMOBILE

EVERETT TRUE

BY CONDO



Young City Miss: "There isn't much pep to the girls out here, is there?"
Farmer Jimison: "Pep! Wah! I dunno 'bout that, lady. Now dis maw'nin' our gal, Sarah, milked fifteen cows before breakfast."

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