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It isn't true because THE COURIER says it, but
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CHILDRENS PLAY GROUNDS

WHEN the first steps were taken to secure a community building for Roxboro it was necessary to secure a site, and the first one selected and tendered the WCA was declined, because it was stated that the lot was too small, there being no room for play grounds. While the first lot was more conveniently located another site was secured and this was accepted, but as yet the play ground has not materialized. We understand the welfare folks now propose if the town will furnish seventy per cent of the material they will furnish the balance and all of the labor, and finish the project. We hope this is correct and that soon the town will have one place where one can go for a little rest and recreation. While the plan must of necessity be on a small scale, it will help, and we trust will be a beginning of a real park for the town.

Roxboro should by all means have a park, in fact any town with the get-up and get that Roxboro has and can not afford a park is missing one of the very best advertisements it is possible for a town to have. Ground can be secured today at a nominal price, but continue to put off the proposition and it will be like locating a post-office side, land will be so valuable that it will be necessary to go almost in the country to get a site.

But, it is said, the town is not in shape to do anything along this line at this time. To be sure, that is true, but there comes times when it is not economy to spend money, and we believe that time has come to Roxboro right now. Money spent for the benefit of children is money well spent, even if it does seem like an extravagance at the time. If some one who has a suitable piece of land in, or near the center of town would only make a tender of such, so that we might have something definite to work with, we believe we would soon see a beautiful park, and in the years to come it would stand as a monument to the donor.

"READ AND BE MERRY"

IF all of the worth while wise cracks of Will Rogers were published they would make a large size volume. His tribute to the home town newspaper is being passed around by many of the weeklies, and it is worth reading. He said:

"Take away my ham, take away my eggs, even rice that can sign an application blank."

Even if it has such purely local news as 'Jim Jones came home last night unexpectedly, and bloodshed ensued' or 'Jesse Busyhead, our local M. D., is having one of the best years of his career, practically speaking—but they just won't pay him when they get well,' 'the county seat was packed yesterday with prominent people from out of town, attempting to renew their notes, and 'election ain't far off and everybody is up for of-chili,' said Will, "but leave me my newspaper."

"Now all that don't seem such news to you. But it is news to you, especially when you know the people and they are your own folks. So no matter how punk you may think your local newspaper is getting, why just take it way from you and see how you feel. The old newspaper, I think, is just about our biggest blessing."

"So let's all read and be merry, for tomorrow the paper may not have enough ads to come out."

WE believe the town has secured just the right man as City Manager, and we congratulate the work of James Harris, but we also want to congratulate the City Dads upon calling off, or postponing, whichever you want to take it, the sale for 1934 taxes. Having just advertised and sold the lands for 1932 and 1933 taxes, it did look like it was putting the coultter in a little too deep to follow this up with another sale. While the City

Dads are determined to run the city's business on a business basis, they also have a heart and do not want to oppress anyone.

ONCE again we are reminded of how fortunate the good people of this section are, for we are almost secure from wind storms and such. Florida, one of the most blessed sections, has again been hit hard by the storm, and many lives was the toll.

What Others Are Saying

CONGRESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

IN a very timely article to the Associated Press Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, points out the meritorious achievements of the Congress which closed this week. Of them he writes that practically every problem that touches human interest has been made easier of solution by the legislation enacted.

He cites the appropriation of \$4,880,000,000 for work relief, purposely proposed to substitute for the dole. If the people whole-heartedly cooperate with the government in this great enterprise, we should hear the increased hum of industry.

Industry has been materially aided also by the extension of lending powers to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Home Owners Loan Corporation and Farm Credit administration, thus making it possible for the self-reliant to re-establish themselves and continue with government loans instead of direct government relief.

A bill declaring a moratorium on farm mortgage, coupled with the increased powers to the Agricultural Adjustment administration, will further promote the comeback that agriculture has made and give to the farming interests additional courage. The senate has voted to assist the tenant farmers and share croppers.

The social security bill, providing a system of old-age pensions and unemployment insurance, is an outstanding enactment that, working in cooperation with the states, will give a definite feeling of security to the aged and unemployed.

The law revising the central banking system will improve our financial interests. The extension of deposit insurance continues the faith of the individual small depositor in our banks. The establishment of bargaining rights for labor has been provided in a law creating the national labor relations board. The regulation and stabilization of the soft coal industry has been provided for in the Guffey bill and a national strike in the industry thereby averted.

The railroads have been aided by a revision of the bankruptcy law and steps have been provided to pension their old employees. The regulation of motor carriers (bus and truck transportation) has been provided.

The world war veterans last session had restored the benefits they were receiving before the enactment of the economy act and definite arrangements have been made for a vote on the bonus bill in the senate at the beginning of the next session in January. The Spanish-American war pensions have been restored to full former rates.

Enactment of a law placing public utility holding companies under government regulation gives further security to the investing public and consumers.

Congress in these enactments, coupled with those of a former congress, has provided a way for the people to carry on. The American spirit so nobly exemplified in our 150 years having been shown the way by government cooperation, has but to exhibit its usual courage and determination to regain full restoration of prosperity and happiness to which this nation is justly entitled.

As the president very aptly said in his letter to the congress, "much has been accomplished for the permanent well-being of the nation as a whole."—(Morganton News-Herald.)

THREE DIE EVERY HOUR

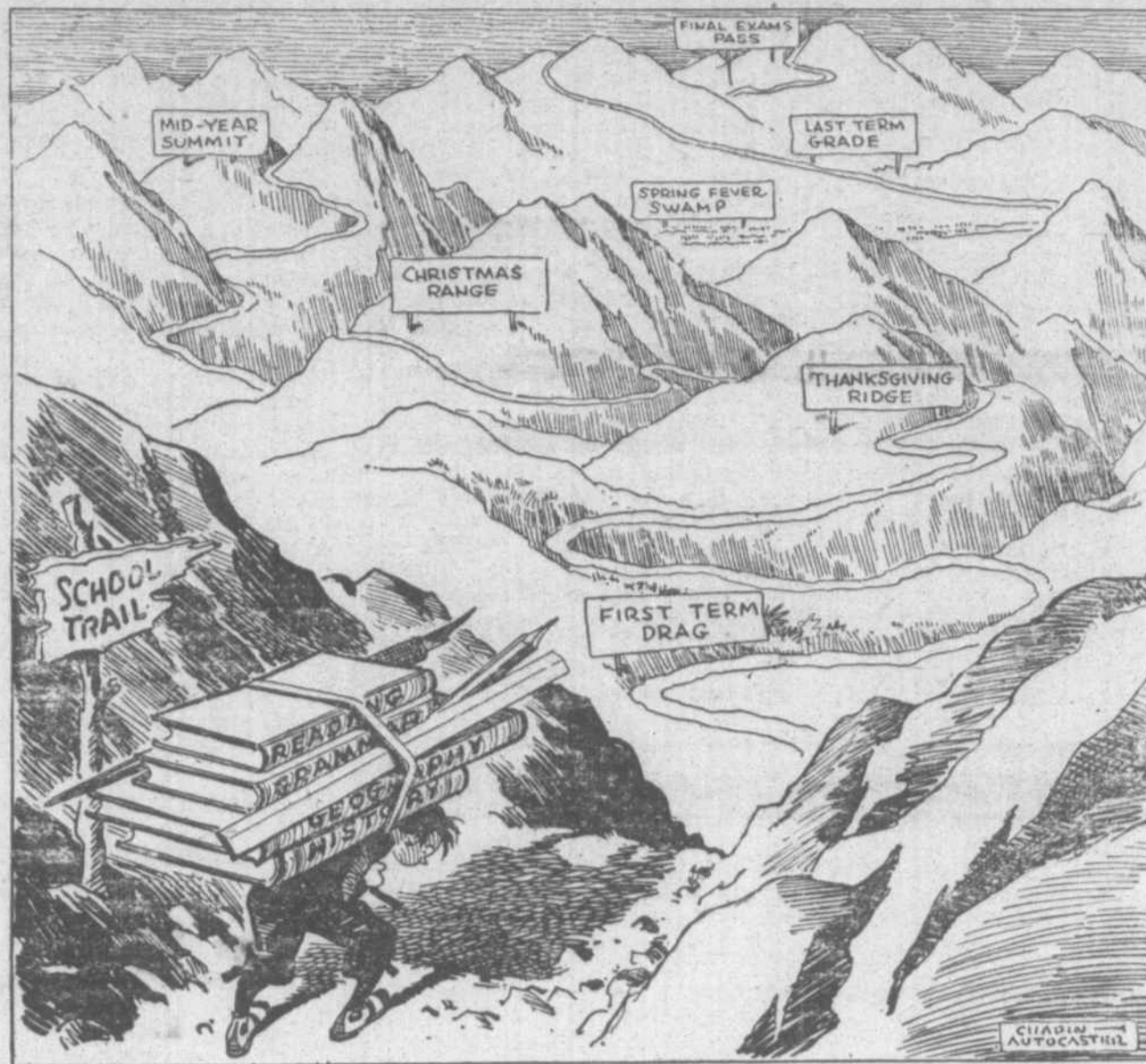
THREE persons meet death on the highways of the United States every hour, according to the July 1st figures of the National Safety Council, showing that 15,030 lives were lost in motor vehicle casualties during the first six months of this year.

Encouraging, however, is the news that 18 States and some of our largest cities had substantial reductions in the death rate. North Dakota, with a 43 per cent cut, led the States, with Rhode Island, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Missouri, Oregon and Utah also reporting large reductions.—H. S.

ALMOST any man feels important when a newspaper reporter asks his opinion about something that nobody knows anything much about.—Ex.

THE modern bathing suit has about removed the mystery that once attached to the female figure but nobody can yet explain why some of them look that way.—Ex.

THE LONG, LONG, TRAIL By A. B. Chapin



OBSERVATION AND COMMENT

By F. O. CARVER, JR.

THIS TALK OF WAR

Halle Selassie prays that war may be averted in Ethiopia while Mussolini prepares for his much talked of invasion of that little country, and prices of lemons in the United States go to twenty-nine cents per dozen. This could be a barometer of the close knit relations of one nation to the entire world.

War must be averted we hear on every side. But, really, that means nothing when a man, who has displayed leadership ability as II Duce has, decides that he is going to conquer a nation.

Who can tell the effect of a European-African scrap on the United States? We can read about it in our morning newspapers for already there are able correspondents over there watching developments over their own heads over our breakfast, and say "Too bad, too bad," as we read of the slaughter of thousands of human lives in this great conflict that is apparently upon us.

Such a closely knit society that the President can sit at his desk in the White House, touch a button, and set off an explosion hundreds of miles away it is going to be hard for us to keep in our own backyard.

There is no doubt but that world affairs affect the lives of the most remote community, here as well as in the rest of the world.

But it was just such a set of conditions that faced the world twenty-one years ago. A little conflict in Belgium and presently the whole world was marching to martial time and reverberating guns.

A little trouble between Ethiopia and Italy and pretty soon the carefree laugh of youth may be turned into the horrid groans of the dying.

Our attitude toward conflicts between foreign nations is this. Let them fight out their own difficulties, but if any of them ever get any foolish notions in their heads that they would like to come across the Atlantic or Pacific and take the United States, let us be prepared to meet them.

Paul Revere has been in his grave these many years, but in his place we have swift communications that can reach every part of the country in less than twelve hours. We could have adequate air forces to answer any call to arms anywhere in the country in less than a day's time.

So, before we go trying again to set the affairs of the world to rights, let us look to our own house and see that it is in good order.

DURHAM FUGITIVE FOUND IN ARIZONA

Safford, Ariz., Sept. 4—L. M. Rigbee, 23, arrested at Duncan, Ariz., in connection with a \$10,500 bank robbery at Durham, N. C. waived extradition proceedings today and will be turned over to North Carolina officers, the Arizona highway patrol announced.

Rigbee, who was brought here, denied any connection with the holdup. Rigbee and two companions were halted by highway patrolmen when they were unable to show ownership papers for a car in which they were traveling. The other two men were released.

Fifteen major inquiries to proceed during Congress recess.

Gettysburg May Witness Reunion

Confederate Veterans Vote For Joint Session Under Colors Of The South

Amarillo, Texas, Sept. 4. — Dixie's Stars and Bars will fly again at Gettysburg if North and South meet for friendship's sake in 1938 where they fought in '63.

Not until they were assured that their beloved flag could wave did the United Confederate Veterans vote unanimously at their annual encampment here today in favor of a joint reunion.

Among those approving was General Rice A. Pierce, of Union City, Tenn., Commander-in-Chief of the grey-coated hosts, who said on a previous occasion "tell 'em to go to hell" when informed that such a reunion would be possible only if the Southern flag was furled.

Can Carry Flag

Paul Roy, who extended the latest invitation as the representative of Governor H. Earle of Pennsylvania, said he would carry it to the G. A. R. Meeting next week at Grand Rapids, Mich. Roy assured the Confederates they would be free to carry the Southern flag whenever and wherever they pleased.

He recalled that Confederate and Union veterans meeting at Gettysburg in 1913 had agreed to return 75 years after the famous battle for a final get-together.

Death, swiftly reducing the last thin line of grey, claimed its first of the present encampment today. George W. Waddell, 89, commander of the Robert E. Lee Camp, Fort Worth, was injured fatally by a fall in an elevator.

W. Y. Griggs Atlanta; H. R. Rouck Lenoir, N. C.; and J. B. Graham, of Granite Falls, N. C., were among veterans treated for illnesses at hospitals.

"Uncle Dan" Winsett, an 88-year-old Negro who was born in slavery and remained loyal to the South after the War Between the States, was present for his 42nd of the 45 encampments. He spoke proudly of having been personal servant to "Gen'l Marmaduke" during the War Between the States. His chief duty, he explained, was to supply the general with chickens and pigs.

PICKED UP AT SEA

London.—A small Portuguese fishing boat, without wireless, waited 8 days in the steamer line in order to deliver an injured sailor to some liner. The Berengaria, picked up the man whose hand had been crushed, gave him emergency treatment and passengers raised a purse of \$300.

Officer Spoils Reynolds Riverside Drive Slumber

New York, Sept. 4 — America is a free country and all that, but you can't sleep in an auto trailer on lower Riverside Drive, even if you are a United States Senator trying to demonstrate that the country can be toured in 30 days for \$100.

Senator Robert R. Reynolds, of N. Carolina, found that out last night when an unsympathetic policeman roused him, and his two Carolina companions, Leo Caddison and Elliott Green, as they were slumbering in their "land yacht" and told them they would have to move on 'way up the drive.' They climbed from their bunks and complied.

Start Trip

The incident occurred at the finish of the second leg of Senator Reynolds' projected trip, which took off from Washington Monday. Yesterday was spent in Philadelphia, and the group made New York by nightfall.

For the immediate future, Senator Reynolds planned a junket to West Point, and then perhaps to a visit of the President at Hyde Park.

The trip is to be the fruition of the Senator's contention that anybody can tour the country, visiting in every state and landmark within 30 days at a total expense of \$100.

He estimated that the trip would be about 9,000 miles. He will cover New England next, thence driving westward along the border, down the Pacific coast, and home via the Southern route.

All along the Senator said he would stop and make speeches for the United States Flag Association on "True Americanism and Peace-Time Patriotism."

He's got along a lot of pamphlets on North Carolina which he's going to give away all over the country, he said.

CCC Enrollment Ends

Atlanta, Sept. 4. — Major General Alvan Horn Moseley, commanding general of the Fourth Corps Area, announced today that enrollment under the expanded program of the Civilian Conservation Corps is complete.

German Refusal

Berlin, Sept. 4. — An unchallenged attack on racial theories of the Third Reich by an Austrian Jewish professor today brought a German refusal to be represented in the international medical week beginning at Montreux, Switzerland, Sunday.

FOR SHORT RUNS OR LONG RUNS
AIR-CONDITIONED
AMERICAN GAS