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A CAUSE FOR CONGRATULATION

Forty-seven schools of the state were last week dropped from the accredited membership list of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

This leaves North Carolina with 34 high schools on the accredited list, less than any other Southern state.

"No school in the state has to belong to the association," said Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, chairman of the association and head of the State Department of Public Instruction, "but the fact that our schools cannot meet the standards met by schools of other states shows, I think, that we lack something."

Reasons advanced for the dropping of the schools were these:

The eight months school term falls below the association's requirement of a 175-day term; Excessive pupil load on teachers;

Teacher salary schedules, below the annual \$900 minimum set by the association;

Lack of proper library facilities.

The electorate of the Southern Pines School District is to be commended for its action a few years ago in voting a nine months school term here. Southern Pines is among the 34 schools retaining membership in the association—among a mere 10 of public schools in the state, for of the 34 accredited, 16 are private institutions. Southern Pines is likewise to be congratulated upon an efficient teaching force, salary supplements over the State schedule, and the start of a good school library.

All that is really lacking here is adequate space for the educational facilities and potentialities we have at hand. The Southern Pines School is crowded. Some remedial action should be taken in the near future to remove this one obstacle to a perfect record. We cannot afford, at any time, to lose our standing.

Graduates of the 47 schools dropped from membership in the association will be faced with the prospect of taking entrance examinations to enter colleges outside the state. With a goodly percentage of our high school pupils residing in other states and planning to enter northern colleges and universities, it is plain to see the importance of meeting all requirements for an accredited institution.

COST OF LIVING TO SOAR, IS PROPHECY

If Professor Walter Kemmerer, one of the country's leading financial authorities, one time adviser to the Dawes Commission and to a number of foreign countries, is correct, we are in for a period of high prices along with recovery. A week ago in Philadelphia Dr. Kemmerer said:

"We may reasonably expect that the cost of living, the wholesale and general price levels will be something like double what they are today."

He based his conclusions on these facts:

"That the gold standard will be retained in the United States and the other countries that continue to have it;

"That the leading countries of the world that are now off the gold standard will return to it;

"That we will not further debase our own gold monetary unit but will continue with our so-called 59 cent gold dollar."

With the return of more stable conditions, Professor Kemmerer thinks, gold will come out of hoarding throughout the

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world, the demand for the metal will ease, prices will consequently continue to rise. If the dollar had not been cut to 59c, U. S. prices might only return to pre-Depression levels. Now, however, prices should not only recover to former levels in terms of Roosevelt dollars but, to make up for the slash in the gold content of the U. S. monetary unit, should mount another 69 percent.

"From February 1933, the last month in which we were on the old gold coin standard, to the present, wholesale prices have risen 35 percent and the cost of living 6 percent," Dr. Kemmerer declared. "Many important items of food have shown spectacular rises during this period. The public, particularly our women folk, are becoming increasingly concerned over these continued advances in the cost of living; and consumers' strikes are being reported frequently."

A TRAGEDY IN SMOKE

The last cold snap released the leaves. They showered down over lawns and gardens. Leaves are an annoyance to many people. Rakes are immediately called into action and energetically comb the grounds for every vestige or scrap of a leaf. Burning our leaves is one of our most deplorable habits. Where Nature works without the interference of man she frequently does a better job.

From early in the spring the leaves of the trees are at work collecting and storing up carbon and hydrogen. With the help of sunshine, the layers of cells which make up a leaf are converting the gases into starches, sugars and other materials. It isn't an accident now that they have fallen to the ground. The scheme that regulates their growth plans that when their mission has been fulfilled they are discharged by a special row of empty cells at the joining of the leaf and branch. A chemical action takes place, the cold weather retards the growth, the material is stored in the bark of the tree and the leaf drifts down. Turned over in the soil we put back the organic matter, or humus, the plant has manufactured. Some gardeners estimate that a ton of leaves and a ton of manure are of equal value. We burn one and buy the other. Tons and tons of valuable fertilizer go up in smoke year after year, and all there is to return to the ground is a little bit of ash the plant took out of the soil. Leaves spaded into difficult clay or the porous sandy section of your garden will break up hard soil and add the bulk of much needed humus, overcoming many of the obstacles of dry hot summers. A progressive young farmer pointed with pride to a huge pile of leaves, "There are my next year's crop of sweet potatoes."

If fire could be kept away from our natural mulch of decaying leaves through the woods and gardens and we could be taught to appreciate their value we could transform our impoverished and sterile gardens into a more productive and valuable part of the earth.—H. K. B.

Don't forget Tuberculosis Christmas Seals on your shopping list.

Grains of Sand

The Charlotte Observer paid tribute to Charlotte movie exhibitors in an editorial the other day for bringing two notable pictures, "Road to Romance" and "Metropolitan" to town so promptly after their release. The pictures were in Charlotte last week. This was a nice thing for the Observer to do. We probably should have done likewise when "Road to Romance" was here last summer and "Metropolitan" here some two weeks ago.

Incidentally, "Midsummer's Night's Dream," which comes to Pinehurst Monday, takes two and one-half hours to run, Charlie Picquet says. As there will be no preliminaries on the program it behooves one to be on hand early.

A stranger at a recent Kiwanis dinner spent some time talking to those on either side of him about recent purchases he had made at the new Southern Pines liquor store. A few minutes later he was introduced to his neighbors. One was the Rev. Dr. Raymond, the other the Rev. Mr. Barber of Aberdeen.

The State WPA office had provided 1073 work projects to employ 48,655 unemployed persons, up to the end of last week, Director George W. Coan, Jr., announces.

Noel Laing of Southern Pines had a field day in the recent hunt race meeting at Middleburg, Virginia. Almost every winner in the brush and hurdle events was either ridden or had been trained by young Laing.

Laing is secretary of the Sandhills Steeplechase & Racing Association and will be here soon with a string of horses.

Save enough from your Christmas shopping to get your 1936 license plates before January 1st. The State Highway Patrol is double the size it was a year ago, and you won't last long after New Year's Day with 1935 plates on the old buggy.

Tobacco auctioning is about over for the season in Aberdeen. The sales will total close to 4,000,000 pounds for the two warehouses.

Governor Ehringhaus recently went into details on North Carolina's relief receipts and contributions to the Federal Government in a letter to a newspaper man in New York, after Senator Dickinson, of Iowa, had said he would "check up" on relief coming to this State. Governor Ehringhaus had angered him by holding him up to ridicule in a N. Y. State Chamber of Commerce meeting for jumping on the Roosevelt administration. A New York bond house man wrote the Governor this:

"For the past two years I have had it called to my attention almost weekly here in Wall Street the large amount of contributions North Carolina was receiving from the Federal Government. I have insistently responded that as a matter of fact North Carolina was receiving less in proportion to the amount they paid the Federal Government than any other State in the Union. Your remarks covered this point so clearly that they received wide publication here in the city."

A new registration of qualified voters of Moore county may be called before the next primary and election, N. J. Muse, chairman of the County Board of Elections says. The present books are in such condition that such registration is almost imperative.

DISCUSS FOOD CONSERVATION

Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, State Food Conservation and Marketing Specialist, with Miss Gladys Kimbrough and Miss Wood of Muncie, Indiana held a food conservation conference in Carthage Friday with the following home agents attending: Miss Martha McKinnon of Troy, Miss Cornelia Simpson of Sanford, Mrs. Anna Lea Harris of Rockingham and Mrs. Bertie Brown and Miss Flora McDonald of Carthage.

ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT

Willie Lee Hooker, colored man who resides between Cameron and Vass and who recently escaped from the Catawba road camp where he was serving time, was captured by Moore county officers on Monday night while on a visit to his home and placed in the Moore county jail. Hooker was sent to State's Prison to serve from five to ten years on a breaking and entering charge and this was his second or third escape.

Visit the Curb Market in Southern Pines tomorrow.

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