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Your Child Gets What Is Paid His Teacher

Education is the backbone of any civilization. And it can be no stronger than the teaching personnel which has the job of educating. Upon the citizens of this state falls the responsibility of setting a level for teachers' salaries which must inevitably limit that personnel.

In a current Broadway production old Mentor Graham comforts young Abe Lincoln, storekeeper, who is up to his neck in debt: "Well, Abe—just bear in mind that there are always two professions open to people who fail at everything else: there's school teaching, and there's politics." He spoke for the 1830's, but the remark still raises a laugh in the 1930's. The old idea of education also fostered the notion that teaching was a semi-free service, to be done in the spirit of the missionary with a very small salary. Teachers renounced all things worldly, including the dollars which would have enabled them to learn something of that world and pass it on to their charges.

That situation is fortunately yielding under the action of time and change. Whichever way one turns, whether in the fields of health, rec-

reation, economics, of social, political, governmental, international, industrial, literary or scientific endeavor, conditions are rapidly changing under expanding scientific discoveries. Today's teacher is faced with the professional obligation of interpreting to boys and girls the complex life around them. It is no longer possible for the teacher who accepts that challenge to be the limited person he or she was even two decades ago.

For nearly 300 years laymen have controlled the public school systems of our country and have footed the bills. Today they are requiring of teachers generally 4 and 5 years of preparation beyond high school, and often additional summer study. They are setting for teachers a cultural standard which demands travel, wide reading, attendance at plays, lectures, forums, recitals, museums. Any person who is to lead youth to the satisfaction of parents must live in an acceptable environment and move among stimulating associates. Such professional training and personal living require salaries which make them possible.

According to recent studies on earnings of occupational groups in the United States, compiled by the National Education Association and the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, teachers stand tenth in the following list, presented from highest to lowest: consulting engineers, lawyers, physicians, dentists, ministers, employees of class I railroads, other city employees, federal employees, employees in all manufacturing industries, teachers in public schools, all manufacturing wage earners, cotton textile mills wage earners.

Educators recognize that the schools exist solely for the education of the pupils, and not as a means of support for the teachers. Yet it follows logically that teachers' salaries must be comparable with earnings in other professions in order to attract and hold people with sufficient ability to fulfill the more stringent and exacting requirements of education in the modern world.

First Observance Of Labor Day Here

Plymouth is an old town, as towns go in this section, but for the first time in its long history, next Monday will mark its first formal observance of Labor Day. Stores and business houses will be closed from 10 to 1, in order that employees may take part in the parade and program being sponsored by organized labor here.

It is a fitting observance. A man who is willing to work, or labor, has always been considered honorable by this section's code of standards. And Labor Day was designated by our national legislature as a time to honor and show our appreciation for the workingman. After all, every convenience and comfort that we enjoy is the fruit of some man's labor. And every man who works for his living is honored by the setting aside of this day for his recognition.

Washington County is still essentially a rural section, despite the presence of several large industrial enterprises, and it was therefore in the best of taste for the officials of organized labor who are sponsoring observance of Labor Day here to invite all to participate in their program. It is characteristic of the consideration they have shown in their dealings with their employers—and reciprocated by the latter—which has resulted in the fine spirit of cooperation and understanding existing between employee and employer here.

Let us enter into the spirit of the day and take part in the programs designed to present the laboring man at his best. Several excellent speakers are booked for addresses at the meeting, which should prove both entertaining and instructive to all who will attend.

New Deal Policies

Whiteville News Reporter

President Roosevelt has been the target for such an onslaught of merciless criticism during the past year that we are moved to inquire if such censure as has been accorded the chief executive is at all warranted.

During the six years since Presi-

Rambling R...About
By THE RAMBLER

Tough Going Ahead—

With the whole of Europe tottering on the brink of war and destruction as this is written (Monday), we are quite sure that no classes of people are more earnest in their prayers for peace than the poor copy editors, proof-readers, linotype operators and printers on daily newspapers who are going to have to unlearn everything they might have ever learned before about spelling and pronunciation of the names of people and places.

To be sure, the men who have the power to make war have never given full thought to the dire and horrible consequences that such action may bring. And a younger generation of printers that has grown up who give little heed to what is ahead of them, should war be declared. They little know and realize the anguish and hopelessness of it all when someone begins an attack on say, Przemysl, in Poland.

President Roosevelt took the oath of office, he has made many mistakes. He could be expected to do little else than make some mistakes during his tenure of office.

He has been called by his severest critics a cheap politician interested only in his personal ambitions. That seems to be rather caustic language to describe the man who has done as much for the little man as has our national leader.

Nobody will successfully essay that Mr. Roosevelt's administration has not been guilty of some errors of judgment, and that some of their efforts have fallen far short of their objectives, but in the main, we believe that Mr. Roosevelt's actions have been motivated by a noble purpose, and not the desire to turn the nation's highest office into a politician's paradise.

To be sure, we in America haven't agreed with our national leader in everything he has done, and we have exercised the noble American prerogative of cussing everything which we do not like. In America, we enjoy that unique privilege, one not enjoyed in many other nations of the world.

New Deal policies, it remains our belief, have been born of a desire to make America a better place in which to live, but it still is for the American people to say how well they have achieved their objective and whether or not they desire a continuation of the present New Deal policies.

which may last for two or three weeks, as it did in 1915 during the last war. Just a few of the other communities which are threatened by hostilities include Przasnysz, Pszczyna, Przemyslany, Swietochlowice, and Rezesow, in Poland; to say nothing of Czeladz in Germany. Cwamman in England, Concordia sulla Secchia and Acquaviva delle Fonti in Italy; Ewyndrecht in Belgium; Ys-singeaux in France; all this, now, without even starting on Russia, which has shown some signs of compassion by signing a non-aggression pact. And if you think those words are hard, you just ought to try to read some of the names of the commanding generals. They look like "pi-lines" with the j's, x's and z's running wild.

There's a gleam of sunshine in the whole business, thought, not counting the activities of the man with the umbrella—thank heaven we weren't raised up to be a radio announcer!

Progress—

One thing this radio business will cause in the new war—if there is a war—and that is a lot more war talk. Back in the days of 1914-15-16-17-18, a fellow was afraid to start talking about battles and generals because he couldn't go far without having to make a stab at pronouncing a name or a place and he hadn't the faintest idea as to how it should sound. Radio has changed all that. Monday morning almost everybody you met could reel off "Mosicky" and "De-lade-ay" without even slowing up for the turns on syllables, while if they were to run into the words "Moscicki" and "Daladier" in their newspapers they wouldn't know whether they referred to a new kind of hoof-and-mouth disease or another New Deal Brain Trust, or both.

In the Sunday newspapers and broadcasts, there was one name, though, which no one could mistake, neither in the spelling nor the pronunciation. That word was Hitler. Some of the announcers and commentators called him "A-dolph" and some said "Ad-olph," but all said "Hitler." We heard several foreign stations and could always recognize "Hitler," whether the speaker was Spanish, French, German or English. We heard him called "M'sieu Hitler," "Herr Hitler," "Signor Hitler," "Senor Hitler," "Premier," "Chancellor," "Fuehrer," and then we went up town to the drug store and heard him called by some good old American handles, most of them reflecting on his ancestry, which will not bear repeating here. If he has even one friend in this whole section, then that friend is certainly keeping himself very, very quiet, which must be a cause of great worry to der Fuehrer.

How It Goes—

Getting your war news by radio isn't so hot, anyway. Sunday it would go something like this: First, the dang clock was a few minutes wrong, and by the time you'd get that figured out and make sufficient allowances for it, you'd missed the opening announcement or hit the wrong station. Then you'd twirl around the dial hoping to pick up some other station by chance. Right off, you'd find it, all

right, but by the time you could get settled back to listen, the station would fade out, or some grand opera screacher on another interfering station would drown out everything you wanted to hear; giving the dial another vicious twist, you pick up the last end of a sentence about like this " . . . which constitutes a very grave situation, indeed." Figuring you've run into the war news again, you rear back in the chair and the speaker resumes talking. "The next time you have athlete's foot, or the bellyache, or sump'n, take Blotto at the first sniffle." Biting your cigar in half, you reach over and twirl the dial some more. About that time a fast-talking announcer butts in to say, "You have just been listening to a comprehensive commentary on the European situation from J. Fuller Bhull, chief of the continental bureau of the Irrational Confounding Corporation, who was speaking to you directly from Berlin, France. We now return you to your local station." Then the

local announcer comes in. "Our next broadcast on the European crisis will be at 7:36 p. m., western daylight saving time, which is 5:36 middle time, 6:36 valley time, and 8:36 some time. Incidentally, at the sound of the gong, it will be exactly 3:46 1/2. O Watta Lifetime. Cheerio!"

Then you send out for a yesterday's newspaper.

LEGAL NOTICES

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE

North Carolina Washington County.

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of S. A. Ward, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Plymouth, N. C. on or before the 1st day of August, 1940, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 19th day of July, 1939.

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Executrix of the estate of S. A. Ward.

Condensed Statement of Condition of

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At the Close of Business June 30, 1939

RESOURCES

Cash and due from banks	\$ 7,764,439.41
Obligations of the United States	4,839,290.30
Federal Land Bank Bonds	1,061,592.39
Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures	236,906.88
North Carolina Bonds	383,888.50
Municipal and other marketable bonds	1,402,421.11
TOTAL	\$15,688,538.59

Loans and discounts 3,135,536.72
Accrued interest and accounts receivable 89,304.45
Banking houses, furniture and fixtures, and real estate, less depreciation reserve 236,381.90

TOTAL \$16,149,761.66

LIABILITIES

Capital stock—common	\$ 400,000.00
Capital stock—preferred	324,960.00
Surplus	400,000.00
Undivided profits	699,618.00
Reserves	289,652.00
Dividend payable—July 1, 1939	8,000.00
Unearned discount and other liabilities	52,558.23
Deposits	16,975,063.43
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