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which are fields for the student who starts in again this month to add to a growing fund of learning. These girls and boys who gather together pencils and papers, are digging for the principles of education that are theirs by right. The principles of fair play, success through effort, and service the watchword of their house. So goes education, so builds Americans.

"Windy Wendie" Shows His Colors

When Wendell Willkie was nominated for the presidency by the Republican party he was riding the crest of a popular surge of resentment against politics and politicians dominating our national defense preparation, or rather lack of preparation, and we confess he sounded mighty good to us with his high-sounding promises to keep the coming campaign above the general level. Two of his recent comments have tended to completely dispel the illusion he created and reveal that even if he is the novice at politics he claims to be at least he is quick to learn the fundamentals and by the time the pace steps up next month he should emerge a full-fledged rabble-rouser of the first water.

Without claiming a spotless record for the Democrats in this same respect, Willkie has nevertheless let a great many people down who expected better of him. His statement that the Russell-Overton amendment to the conscription bill authorizing the government to take over private plants if necessary to national defense would set up "a virtual dictatorship" is proven false by past history. The amendment is not as stringent as provisions contained in law existing since the last war compelling priority for essential government orders, since recourse to the courts is provided in the new bill.

His comment on the trade of over-age destroyers for air and naval bases, however, really reveals the type of "effective aid" he once said he favored for the foes of Hitlerism. Although he says he approves the transfer of destroyers, yet he condemns the "dictatorial manner" in which the deal was made and indicates he would have had the matter debated in Congress first.

Candidate Willkie is not tee-totally dumb, and he knows that referring that deal to Congress in this election year would have been tantamount to killing it entirely, since by the time

Everybody Profits But the Farmer

(Macon, Georgia, News)

Well, sir, the tobacco auction season opened in Georgia today.

So that noise you heard wasn't a Chinese laundry-men's convention.

Anyway, tobacco's a great thing.

For your education, tobacco is a plant. It is also a plague.

To begin with, farmers plant tobacco seed in beds so the mold is to tobacco what boll weevils are to cotton and your mother-in-law is to you.

After the blue mold has ruined your bed, you send off and pay too much for plants from somebody else.

Then you and the mule and the AAA set out the plants.

It used to be bad enough when it was just you and the mule. But now the government has to count the rows. All farmers agree this country would be better off with more vision and less supervision.

After it comes up, it either rains too much or doesn't rain enough. Rain, like a woman's petticoat, is never just right.

And there's always hail.

Hail's hail.

And bugs...

In fact, between the bugs and the buyers, the farmer doesn't stand much chance nowadays.

The buyers... gallop up and down the aisle eating boiled peanuts while the auctioneer sings snatches of "Flat Foot Floogie."

Without, of course, the "floy-floy."

It doesn't make any difference who gets the tobacco at the warehouse. The buyers will shoot craps for it that night, anyway.

The farmer gets his check (provided the loan man isn't waiting for him at the cashier's window) and does it out to the wife and kids. The old lady buys herself a dress she doesn't like, and the young'uns buy ice cream and hot dogs and get the stomachache.

If there's anything left over, the farmer may buy himself a pack of ready-made cigarettes.

Cigarettes are made from tobacco and tissue paper and a radio program.

A pound of tobacco will make enough cigarettes to supply three college girls for a week.

Yet cigarettes sell for about a penny apiece whether tobacco's a dime or a dollar a pound.

Yes, sir; tobacco's a great thing. Everybody makes money out of it but the farmer. But, after all, what does he expect?

He only grows it.

WARNING SIGNS

By RONALD HOCUTT
North Carolina Highway Safety Division

Paraphrasing Abraham Lincoln's famous utterance, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, said this week that "you can ignore some warning signs all of the time, and all warning signs some of the time, but you can't ignore all warning signs all of the time."

The safety director made this comment after looking over a report which showed that 13 North Carolinians were killed and more than a score injured during the first six months of this year as a result of smashing into bridge abutments, overpasses and underpasses.

"There is no conceivable excuse for accidents of this nature," said Hocutt. "It is true that a good many highway bridges in this state and some overpasses and underpasses are dangerously narrow, but every single one of them is plainly marked. It will take lots of

time and money to widen all these bridges and underpasses, and meanwhile it is up to motor vehicle operators to pay attention to the signs the State has erected to call attention to these hazards."

Hocutt stated that every one of the 60 highway bridges and underpasses into which automobiles smashed during the first half of this year were plainly indicated by large warning signs. These signs read "Danger—Narrow Bridge," or "Slow—Underpass Ahead," or some such warning message.

"You just can't continually ignore warning signs without eventually coming to grief," Hocutt declared. "My advice to drivers is to read and heed every highway warning you see. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred you might be able to ignore a sign without meeting with an accident, but never know which time is the hundredth."

the Holts, the Vandenburgs, the Tafts, the Joe Martins and Hamilton Fishes had finished talking about it, England would have been past helping—with destroyers, battleships, airplanes, or anything else. As a matter of fact, there was too much delay about the matter as it was, to the way of thinking in this section.

Candidate Willkie is coming into North Carolina to campaign, it is said, which is just as well, since it will be better to have him battering away where he hasn't a chance than in some section where he might be helping himself. And it is becoming increasingly easier to understand the decline of his popularity in the Gallup polls as time goes on.

Let's Have 17-A

Dare County Times

There is no reasonable reason why the route from Perquimans County, over Albemarle Sound Bridge, via Plymouth and on to Washington, cannot be designated as U. S. 17-A.

Plymouth and the bridge are entitled to this distinction and it appears the height of selfishness for anyone to object to it. Even the Ocean Highway Association, which is suspected of having fought this plan, should not fight it, and work for it, as a builder of good will.

Plymouth deserves it; let's all demand it for her, and give hail Columbia to anyone who opposes. If there be such they are not our friends, and we should go gunning for them. There is business enough, as well as glory enough for all.

No Objections

There should be no objection to the registering and fingerprinting, under law, of the nation's aliens. The only objection might come from someone who is living in this country, enjoying its privileges and protection, illegally. The aliens in line will gladly comply with the law as they understand why it was made. Not so long ago only criminals were fingerprinted, or persons suspected of crime. Now this process of identification is used in cases of accident or death. It is used in identifying employees in many industries, in insurance business and especially in government positions. The honest man offers no objection.

Two Routes Can't Hurt Anyone

Dare County Times

Edenton, Elizabeth City, and other towns would be in a heluafix today, without the Albemarle Sound Bridge to take traffic through from north to south, etc. For U. S. route 17 is out

Rambling R...About

By THE RAMBLER

On Teachers—

"I see where 105 teachers are busy in the Washington County schools today instructing about 3,600 white and colored pupils," said Mr. Critic approaching the Old Rambler who was standing on a street corner leaning against a phone post.

"Yes," said the old Rambler, "and what have you got to say about that?"

"Nothing much," said the old Rambler's bore, "except that there are several personal qualities that a teacher should have before they step into a classroom to aid in developing the minds of the children."

"Proceed sub," said the old Rambler with his southern drawl as interpreted by the Yankees who make motion pictures and who interpret the mode of speech for radio actors.

Answering the Rambler, Mr. Critic launched into his usual baroque saying a teacher should have the following personal qualities:

"A teacher should be honest, moral, dependable, progressive, cooperative, patriotic, sympathetic and understanding; and should do his best to bring forth these qualities in others."

"The conduct of the teacher in all of his relations in life should be such that he never need fear reproach."

"Cleanliness, neatness, cheerfulness, and appropriate dress are a part of every teacher."

"A variety of interests brought by reading and study will help to broaden the teacher and make him more valuable."

"The teacher owes it to herself to remain physically and mentally fit. This means a well balanced life of work, rest and play."

"The teacher should develop an

aesthetic sense of art, music culture and personality."

The Rambler then asked what should the teacher's relation to the pupil be, and Mr. Critic then said:

"The teacher should determine the nature of each child and teach him accordingly without regard to the child's social birthmarks or standing."

"Confidential information about a child should be used only for his welfare."

"No pupil should be given special unearned privileges."

"An orderly classroom with an intelligent atmosphere, which excludes gossip and other undermining elements, should be the teacher's aim."

"The teacher should not indoctrinate pupils with their individual opinions on religious, political views or propaganda."

"Personal monetary gains at the expense of the classroom should be held unexcusable by the teacher."

"The teacher needs to remember that with his own hands and mind he is to bring forth only the best in the pupil."

"Now," said the prudent old Rambler to Mr. Critic, "what are the teachers' relations to the parents?"

Mr. Critic replied:

"The teacher must remember that a spirit of cooperation must be maintained with the parent, and that the home and the school must work in a friendly and intelligent manner."

"The teacher should use courtesy in dealing with all matters involving the parents, but he must take a firm

stand for what is right in the case, and personality."

"The teacher should avoid embarrassing or antagonizing parents and by an unctuous discussion of the mental, moral and financial limitations of the child or parent."

"And what are the duties of a teacher in relation to the community in which she works?" asked the Rambler of Mr. Critic.

Mr. Critic replied:

"The teacher should enter actively into the community affairs but not to the extent that it will be detrimental to her health or decrease her professional usefulness."

"A teacher needs to stand firmly for what is best in a community."

"Belittling a community reacts on the belittler."

"Political affairs or private enterprises are a part of community affairs, but should not be entered by the teacher to the extent that it will cause hard feelings or bitterness."

The Rambler said "we have about 105 of this kind of teachers in the county and it is hoped that they measure up 100 per cent the coming school year, but do you reckon, that we have any 100 per cent parents who will do their part by the school, cooperate instead of discouraging progress; help build up instead of trying to destroy; sacrifice ideas, opinions, money and ambitions to help their own child and the children in school?"

"Dunno, where there are many parents of this calibre here or not, but I will bet there is anyway," said Mr. Critic softening his manner a little.

Furthering Education

The rearing of an American citizen, the education of a child, democracy through learning, the return to the schoolhouse, the month of September and campus greeting. Back they go to blackboards and notebooks, back to school in the name of progress and democracy. There comes this chance, in the educational system of our country, to gain knowledge, to prepare to meet life half-way with free schools, free text-books, free instruction and free transportation. There should be a great degree of loyalty in the hearts of Americans to such an institution that tries to make our children into intelligent men.

With the approach of the school session comes a decision to be made in some families whether or not to send the older ones on to college to seek higher educations. One looks about at the great hosts of unemployed college graduates and wonders what is the wise step. Would it be better to try at the business door or hope for a better opportunity through advanced education? It is a question debatable on both sides and a real problem for many parents to solve. Whatever the decision the happy person and the successful one is that man who has won through his own efforts the right of owning a business, of possessing property, of trading, of furthering competition, entering courts of justice, engaging in the politics of government, all of



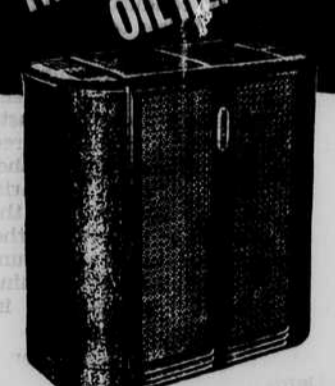
NOTICE!
Stockholders Meeting

The annual meeting of the members and stockholders of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association will be held in the Council Chambers of the Town of Plymouth on the 18th day of September, 1940, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of attending to such business matters as may come before the organization.

This the 3rd day of September, 1940.

PLYMOUTH BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION
By M. W. SPRUILL, Secretary

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