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## Forceful Voting vs. Wishful Thinking

(NOTE.—Following is an outline of remarks made by Mrs. W. V. Hays, president of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association, before the local Lions Club last Thursday night. It concerns some of the broader problems in our educational system and recommends itself to the thoughtful consideration of all citizens, especially to parents and members of service organizations.—Editor.)

The main business of the Congress of Parents and Teachers is to study the program of the school and the needs of children; to advance that program whenever possible and to keep it before the public. It should be the business of other service organizations also.

One place we can help the schools is in working for better salaries for teachers. They need to be relieved for the safety of the things they have had, but for the safety of their children and their children to be, that they may live and grow strong into worthwhile manhood and womanhood.

Recently the editor of the Swanton Courier, up in the rockribbed state of Vermont, wrote me: "To preach the doctrine of democracy is something that can never be lacking in inspiration. Democracy is not only the American way of life, but must be the world way of life, or there will be no life for anybody. We will have to return to the law of the jungle if we do not put into practise our preaching of democracy. Our words must reduce themselves to action. This is really the test."

He was right. Democracy must prevail if the children of the future are to have their chance. We are fighting now for that. We are winning the fight overseas, but we still have a fight to win at home to translate our ideals into action.

We can do so if we think less of ourselves and more of those to follow, if we try to correct those things in our society which we condemn—prejudice, discrimination, group thinking. We give the children of our nation the right of way on our streets. Let us give them the right of way in our hearts by building for them a brave new world of brotherhood into which they may enter equipped to, in turn, build a better world for their children and their children's children.

### Defective Field Wire

*Christian Science Monitor.*  
In one of the most scorching denunciations of an American corporation heard since the days of muckraking and trust busting, Federal Dis-

trict Judge Hartigan of Providence has pleaded chief guilt for the defective Signal Corps wire scandal on the Annaconda Wire and Cable Co. Yet the firm, which had a \$1,200,000 order, can, under the law, only be fined a maximum of \$10,000.

Four employees, whom the court held were encouraged in their wrongdoing by the company, have been sentenced to Federal prison for terms ranging from one year up to 18 months. Appeals may be taken to a higher court, but as the matter now stands these men and their employer have been held guilty of using elaborate tricks to foist off on the Army reels of vital field wire that was full of flaws. Witnesses described how special reels of good wire were kept to be used for testing purposes, and how devices were installed with which to make it appear that certain wire withstood required voltages, though actually it did not.

"If I were to establish degrees of guilt in this case," remarked Judge Hartigan, "at the head of the list I would put the Annaconda Wire and Cable Co., the chief culprit in this conspiracy. It corrupted the other defendants, and it did not hesitate to stoop to corrupt even women employees and ordinary laborers. . . . Whether the motive was to rush out materials and set new production records, or to profit unduly from inferior work and materials, the end result is equally reprehensible. We can concur with Judge Hartigan in remarking that good Army field wire is just as essential as good rifles, good machine guns, good tanks.

If the boys in the field are disturbed by home-front labor troubles, they will hardly be reassured by this example of corporate chicanery.

## PLEASANT GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tarkenton and son Robin went to Mt. Olive Sunday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knowles and Miss Mary Elizabeth Knowles were in Williamston Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. White, Mrs. W. B. Chesson, Mrs. Frances C. Hutchins and daughter, Rebecca attended the quarterly meeting at Roper Sunday.

Ross Chesson and son Larry and Bill Phelps made a business trip to Elizabeth City Thursday.

Many friends of Mrs. T. L. Wynne regret to know that she is confined to her home with a lingering case of flu.

Miss Nellie Tarkenton went to Elizabeth City Sunday to see her brother Benton Tarkenton who is very ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chesson and sons Larry and Wm. Ross Jr., visited friends at Creswell Sunday.

Pat Pharr, of Richmand and Mrs. Pharr were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Phelps Saturday.

all purely physical things—the persons who have our children in charge—the larger part of the day simply can not do their best work. When a large part of their time and energy must be expended on keeping uncomfortable, irritable classes in order, the actual teaching must suffer.

If our county was the only one in the United States where the school plants are inadequate, it would be a small matter. But we are only one among thousands. If every person in every service organization in the United States would study and understand the vital need of better schools and would work for and vote for them there would be less crime, less poverty, less illness and even less war in the world. Our state president, Mr. C. W. Phillips, says that more money is spent on crime in the United States than on all educational institutions, churches and charitable institutions combined.

I'm wondering if we, as parents, are all keeping up with educators in the broader program so many schools are working out? By reading, listening and observation. I'm wondering if we are not learning a newer conception of education. Is becoming educated simply becoming informed about some facts that are in books, or is it learning to live successfully and happily with those about us? Youth must learn how to become citizens of the community, the nation and the world. Youth must learn what contribution each individual can make to universal peace and happiness of mankind. Educators are trained and ready to teach with this broader conception of education, but are held back by lack of understanding and lack of cooperation of the general public.

Teachers know that success in life depends upon one's adjustment to those about him. The word "success" covers both emotional and material phases of living. To be happy and to him—successful, the child must be liked. He must be considered one of his group. If you set your child apart by letting him think or training him to think he is better or smarter than his associates, you have raised a barrier which he will have to overcome in both the social and business world in later years. Likewise, the child who is slower than his associates is handicapped. He develops a sense of inferiority and lack of self-confidence that stays with him all his life unless he is fortunate enough to learn better later. Teachers and principals recognize these principles of character training and, by new systems of grading, by encouragement, by searching out the individual abilities of children, they are helping them develop into the good citizens we want them to be.

In an adequate educational system, every single individual should be taught how to do some useful work. Each individual, unless he be an imbecile, can learn how to do something towards his own support and to contribute something to the common good. In this way he gains self-respect and also the respect of society. He learns that society needs him and has a place for him. It becomes important to him to fill that place successfully to the best of his ability.

I don't think I'm wrong in saying that we are paying for such adequate education, whether we realize it or not. Medical care, clinics, incursions of all kinds are provided free to the indigent, to some extent. Free lunches, surplus commodities many state and federal taxes supply. Yes; we even had adult education classes under WPA. Under our system of government, people must be helped when they can't help themselves. When they can and won't they still have to be helped. Only in a ruthless brutal society can people be stamped out when they don't do their part in the world's work. All these many charities and public benefactions are paid for by men like you—business men, professional men and farmers. Why not recognize this fact? Why not put first things first? Why not put taxes to work on an adequate national education system and eliminate some of these things that arise from ignorance or lack of training in skills?

These remarks seem rambling, no doubt. The point I'm trying to make is this: The Congress of Parents and Teachers is working for better schools. Patching smoky furnaces, painting gray walls is not really our business. We and everybody else need to get a broader conception of what we can do for our children, who are the future of the world. We need to substitute some forceful voting for a lot of wishful thinking. Thank you.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the people in and around Plymouth for the kindness they have shown us and the contributions they have made to us since the loss of our home and belongings.—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Walker.

## ENEMY STRONGER NOW THAN AT WAR'S START

By

MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE V. STRONG

Assistant Chief of Staff G-2, U. S. Army



The German Army has nearly three times as many combat divisions in the field today as there were when the attack on Poland began four years ago.

The number of workers employed in war industries in Nazi-dominated territories has risen from 23,000,000 at the start of the war to a present total of 35,000,000 and the weapons which they are making are, in some cases, better than any which the United Nations have. One of their new weapons, a rocket gun, weighs less than 1,800 pounds and it has a fire power equal to six heavy field howitzers, weighing nine tons apiece.

Even with the loss of Italian aid, Germany's position has been only slightly weakened. The German food ration is higher in caloric content than at the outbreak of the war, and there is nothing in the German economic picture to justify confidence in the immediate downfall of the Nazi structure.

Once the United Nations' forces have reached the lines on which the Germans are determined to stand, the days of inexpensive victories will end. Further advances will be contested yard by yard and foot by foot, and by well-trained veteran troops.

Japanese manpower resources in and out of Japan are very great. The morale of both the armed forces and civilian population is excellent and geographic factors give her tremendous added strength. The Solomons are only an outpost, more than 3,000 miles from the heart of the empire. We have yet to reach any main Japanese line of resistance or any point which they are apparently determined to hold at all costs.

The Japanese are in a strong position today and their power in many respects is steadily increasing. The longer we leave them in virtual control of East Asia, the more difficult the eventual struggle will be.

The main advantage we have is our ability to produce the weapons of war. If, through our unwillingness to face the facts, we give up this advantage, we may find our opportunity for victory has escaped us permanently. To insure the accomplishment of our war mission—the defeat of Germany and Japan—demands the whole-hearted single-minded effort not only of every man, woman and child in the country, but also every bit of productive power, inventive genius and executive ability we possess.

## The PUBLIC Forum

OUR SOLDIER VOTE

To the Editor:

For some time we have been listening and reading whether or not our senators and congressmen are going to make it possible that our soldiers overseas may vote. Some of our representatives in Washington don't fully realize our boys are fighting for that freedom which elected some of the chair-warmers that are now drawing pay from the income taxes many of our boys paid while on the battle fronts against our enemy.

Are you, Mr. Representative, going to dilly-dally around and deprive the soldier of his vote that helped elect you? You promised that soldier along with all the other voters that you would represent and protect their

rights. Does not this soldier have the same right of his vote as Mr. Green, Mr. Lewis, or Mr. Murray, and while they gave our president the pledge of no strikes for the duration of the war, our boys in the armed forces save their pledge of fighting and

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**PLENTY of Jefferson Island SALT**  
**B. G. Campbell**  
WHOLESALE GROCER

## STATEMENT OF CONDITION

# Plymouth Building and Loan Association

Of Plymouth, N. C., As of December 31st, 1942

(Copy of Sworn Statement Submitted to Insurance Commissioner as Required by Law)

### ASSETS

THE ASSOCIATION OWNS:	
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 12,546.25
State of North Carolina and U. S. Government Bonds	25,000.00
Stock in Federal Loan Bank	600.00
Mortgage Loans	58,449.50
Money loaned to shareholders for the purpose of enabling them to own their homes. Each loan secured by first mortgage on local improved real estate.	
Share Loans	4,217.00
Advances made to our shareholders against their shares. No loan exceeds 90% of amount actually paid in.	
Accounts Receivable	21.60
Temporary Advances for Insurance, Taxes, Etc.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,834.35</b>

### LIABILITIES

THE ASSOCIATION OWES:	
To Shareholders:	
Funds entrusted to our care in the form of payments on shares as follows:	
Installment Shares	\$66,711.30
Full-Paid Shares	25,100.00
	\$ 91,811.30
Undivided Profits	7,802.18
Earnings held in trust for distribution to share-holders at maturity of their shares.	
Reserves for Contingencies	1,000.00
To be used for the payment of any losses, if sustained. This reserve increases the safety and strength of the Association.	
Cash Over	220.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,834.35</b>

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, ss:

M. W. Spruill, Secretary-Treasurer of the above named Association personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, says that the foregoing statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

M. W. SPRUILL,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12th day of January, 1944.  
My Commission Expires September 3, 1944.

W. T. STILLMAN,  
Notary Public.

# FINAL NOTICE

## 1 Per Cent TAX PENALTY

Will Be Added To All 1943 Washington County Taxes Which Are Not Paid Before

# FEBRUARY 1st

We urge you to pay your Taxes now and take advantages of the savings.

Penalties will increase every month your taxes remain unpaid after February 1st. This is required by state law.

# PAY NOW AND SAVE

# J. E. Davenport

Tax Collector

Washington County