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IS WORLD PEACE NEARING END?
Not since 1917 has a major nation declared war.

During the past 20 years, armies have been mobilized, soldiers and civilians slaughtered, cities destroyed and governments changed, but officially speaking, war has not existed.

Italy took over Ethiopia without declaring war.

Today in the Far East, the world is again witnessing a war without a declaration of war, yet the consequences are most significant not only to China and Japan, but to this country, and even this state and county.

As a Waynesville visitor from Shanghai remarked last week, China, alone, uses thousands of pounds of North Carolina tobacco.

Japan has gone the limit in building up her army and navy. For a small country she has an amazing military machine. China has made progress in strengthening her borders, but is far behind Japan. History shows that China's greatest weakness has always been the corruption of her local governments. The central, Nanking government, has had little control over the local war lords.

The local situation in China can best be compared with an imaginary picture of America, with each of the 48 governors having a great army which he could use for any purpose, even to the extreme point of fighting his neighboring governors.

Since Japan has a modern and efficient war machine, she will not likely encounter much trouble in conquering China's northern provinces. Japan will then probably follow the course taken when she took over Manchuria and set up a Chinese government controlled by Japanese.

Reverting back to history again, it must be remembered that Japan's success in carrying out her plans are dubious. China is a tremendous country, with more than a half billion people, as compared with Japan's population of 75,000,000. Not since the dawn of history has China permanently conquered.

It seems inconceivable that the world would stand by and see Japan conquer China, yet Italy accomplished that in Ethiopia just a few years ago.

While Japan is trying to conquer China, she must also keep an eye peeled on Russia, because Russia is strongly anti-Japanese, and according to experts, Japan could not win over a Russian-Chinese combination.

England, France and the United States do tremendous trading with China, and naturally their interest would be at stake, should Japan go too far.

Probably the sole determining factor as to how far Japan will go depends on her treasury. She has a soaring national debt, and at present over 50 per cent of her national income is earmarked for the army and navy. With that state of affairs, her financial resources could not stand a long conflict.

So here is another grave threat to world peace, saying nothing of the intense situation in European countries. While no war has been declared, all the intents and purposes of a major war are now underway in the Far East, and every nation in the world is directly affected.

AIN'T IT GRAND?
Why shouldn't we feel good? Congress has adjourned; this has been a good tourist season; crops are the best in years; tobacco prices are high; the world series is not far off; football is on the way; the children will be back in school Monday; fall weather is the best of the year; and there won't be another election until next June. Ain't it a grand and glorious feeling?

MODERN SCHOOLING
Schools in this community will open again Monday, with almost 3,000 students enrolled. In the entire United States, millions of children will soon begin the new school term and pursue their studies in the hope of being educated.

The basic idea behind education in the old days was that it helped a man or woman "get along in life." Education as an end in itself was not the goal, but rather education was a means to a more successful life.

The Marion Progress expresses a timely thought in this way: "Teachers everywhere have a great responsibility as they contact the students who study under them and are obliged to obey them. More than ever, the character of boys and girls depends upon the teachers they have in public schools. Most of the instructors are unduly rewarded financially for their work, but with few exceptions, they take a great interest in the welfare of their pupils."

In years past, and probably in some schools now, there are teachers who stress memorizing rules that are soon forgotten by the student and are worthless in applying them to problems of the world.

We might be a little extreme in our views, but we feel that a student taught "how to live, mingle and work with his fellowman" is far better off than is the student who is made to cram their brains with a lot of dry obsolete "book-learning."

CHARACTER WITNESSES
Judge Wilson Warlick thinks that "there are too many lies being told in this court house," and in taking Gaston county lawyers to task for bringing in long strings of character witnesses, he makes out a good case on this allegation, thusly:

"Anybody can prove a good character witness by his friends. You can bring the blackest negro in the country in here and find some white man who is his friend to give him a good character because he was kind to a rabbit hound.

"And you can bring in a morning-coated white man with diamond shirt studs and show he has all kinds of good character in the court room, and then go out on the street and discover he has robbed all the widows and orphans in town.

"I doubt if we get as much as 35 per cent of the truth in the court house, and I wouldn't be surprised if there haven't been as many as fifteen people who haven't been paid for what they have come to the witness stand and sworn here this week."

Judge Warlick was talking to Gaston County lawyers about Gaston county conditions, but what he said about character witnesses is just as applicable to almost every other county in the state. Even the layman has accepted character-witnessing as a sort of institution that is not to be taken seriously except by a jury. But the judge's uncertainty about whether some big part of them do not come into the courtroom and swear what they are paid to swear will be interesting to a lot of us, coming as it does from a jurist who is not given to talking to hear how it sounds.

In this character witness business Judge Warlick is putting his finger on a fault that is as old as the hills, but one that stands little chance of being corrected as long as human nature is what it is, and until the lawyers get together on a more adaptable court procedure, it will continue to slow up the work of the courts and add to the costs of justice.—Statesville Landmark.

HORSE TRADING BY COURT OFFICERS
Down at Wilson last Friday the high sheriff was let off on three serious counts by the horse trading method which is sometimes reverted to by courts, and which is one big reason why respect for courts is on the wane.

This particular case was nolle prossed by the solicitor after the sheriff had tendered his resignation. The sheriff was charged with two cases of drunken driving, and another of assault upon the arresting officers.

Evidently the sheriff is a big wig in the political world of Wilson county, and very probably the "good of the party" was considered in the trade that was made.

If the charges were not true, the sheriff ought to have stood trial and let the courts clear his name of the stigma which had the precedent of having been removed from office a little less than a year ago by the Superior Court after he had been charged with public drunkenness.

If the charges were true, (and the presumption of most people will be that they were) then there is no legitimate reason under the sun why the high sheriff should not have been tried, and sentenced like any other criminal.

Looks fishy from this long distance. And certainly does not make the average person look with any greater favor on justice as it is meted out in this day.—Transylvania Times.

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SINCE OSSIE HAS BEEN ON A SUBMARINE FOR TWO YEARS HE CAN'T SLEEP WITHOUT THE SOUND OF WAVES SLAPPING AGAINST THE HOUSE !!

WONDER WHAT PAPA BOBBLE WILL DO WHEN JOE COMES HOME FOR A VISIT, HE'S BEEN A GUNNER ON THE BATTLESHIP 'INSOMNIA' FOR FOUR YEARS ??

Random SIDE GLANCES
By W. CURTIS RUSS

I wonder if there is any adult who doesn't have a thrill at the sound of a school bell?

Especially on the first day of school.

When the schools open here Monday morning, I imagine there will be many who will remember their first days at school—and also their last—or does one ever finish school?

While we may not attend classes in the designated buildings, do we not learn something new every day?

How well I recall my first day at school—to say thrilled was putting it mildly.

The greatest disappointment of the day came when I found that my outfit would include a pencil box, a box of crayons, a drawing book, a tablet (with slick paper) a book satchel but NO books.

How well I remember the first day, when the photographer made a picture of the grade. I had a temperature, and was on the front row, and judging from the picture—which I now highly possess—my first day at school was an ordeal.

Within a few days we were taught to spell C-A-T, and when I wrote the word on the board, I had a feeling that Daniel Webster was quite an ignorant old fool.

But getting back to the first day—of course all parents had to accompany their children for the first day and see that the proper impression was made on dear teacher.

My teacher in school also happened to be my Sunday school teacher, so during the course of the year she found out not only how dumb I was, but just how much religious training I needed.

My biggest concern was lunch. Although school was out in time for lunch, I had a feeling that unless I carried enough to feed three working men I was somewhat under-nourished.

During the course of time, the first week passed by, and according to my own views, I was not becoming very educated, as the rest of the group were just learning their ABC's, and I knew mine before starting to school—which was not "brightness" on my part, but due to patient parents who gave me a start.

When it came time for drawing lessons, the teacher, through a heartfelt of kindness, let me wash the blackboard, dust the erasers, or other odd jobs, because she soon learned that as an artist, I was an utter failure, and without one bit of talent.

Down in the part of the country where I started to school, we were bothered with sandspurs. Almost every clump of grass had a bunch of the sticking spurs, and as the schoolyard was not mowed, it was necessary to wear shoes—

And wearing shoes all day after going barefooted all summer is about as severe punishment as can be inflicted upon anyone.

There was always a big toe bruised, or a cut heel, and then to put on heavy hot shoes for school—no wonder we were called "backward."

Who could have thought under such circumstances?

If we could have just realized it then that those were days that we will never forget, yet never live over similar experiences.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A nobody is a person who is despised if he tells lies and breaks promises, unless he is a politician.

Two Chicago bandits dressed in overalls to rob a filling station. Well, isn't that the proper thing to dress in to do dirty work.

Since the part of an argument most enjoyed by the average man is his arguments to himself.

Lands ruled by a dictator have one advantage. They can act without waiting for everybody to get mad.

Germany is now rationing chewing tobacco, which would indicate there is a shortage over there of sawdust for the saloon cuspidors.

It seems that there should be someone who could devise a plan to instill in young lives that their first days at school are among the happiest days of life. . . .

Within three weeks after I began my school career, I contracted a case of mumps, and within a few weeks every member of the class had experienced the disease. . . .

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GET A LIFT WITH A CAMEL!

READ Well Before TAKING

In the handling of Drugs, none of us can be too careful. It is always a good plan to read carefully the label on every bottle of medicine BEFORE we take or give a dose of its contents.

Certain preparations that are similar in appearance have entirely different properties, and the best of memories sometime play peculiar pranks. Fatal mistakes have occurred as the result of people being too sure. IT doesn't pay to take chances.

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HEADLINES of The PAST

(From the files of August 29, 1937)
No credit on subscriptions after September.

Col. Harley B. Ferguson named gadier General.
42 more boys come of age June—Will be called soon.
Major Claude R. Rhinehart across continent.
Champion Fibre Company will brate Labor Day.
The government sends an urgent for typists.

(From the files of August 27, 1937)
40 to 50 men to be given England-Walton Co's address.
Work to begin at once at trails.
Apple growers to meet at Orchard Thursday.
Finds business one-third than last year.
Work on vocational building der way on school yard.
Clyde has regular practicing sician.

(From the files of August 27, 1937)
Guards needed for care at C. N. Allen building with zelwood store.
Weaving center will be James Atkins given prisoner at Lake Junaluska.
University alumni to meet Saturday.

When a man feathers his there are usually many people ens standing around who are fully thinking it over.

Most all business concerns cover too much territory, except engaged in manufacturing suits.

Summer is always bad enge its dog days and hay fever congress sticking on the job.

Somebody has truly said that needn't be afraid of a man who a lot of talking. When the thunder, the lightning has you.

An Oklahoma man advertised as follows: "Found, lady's purse in my If the owner will explain to me that I had nothing to do with will pay for this ad."

It is far easier for some women make up their faces than their