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A New Day

Have you made the most of your talents in life? Have you been able to apply your knowledge? Well, you may not have done so, but if your child is a student in the Waynesville District schools, there will be no excuse for him, in the years to come, if he fails to do so.

Knowledge and application should go hand in hand. They are closely related, yet regardless of relationship, they are two definite and distinct achievements in the life of a person. Working in harmony they spell success.

Knowledge is essential, but without the power of application it is a lost attribute in a world of practical living. It may serve as a pleasurable attainment, but unless backed by the power to act it is lost without having served its greatest purpose.

Added to knowledge and application should be the ideal of what one wants out of life, and the blending of knowledge and application to develop the major talent with which nature has endowed one.

To give youth the tools of education through the acquisition of knowledge, and then show him how to use those tools and at the same time point the way to his own useful application of knowledge, has been, and is, the gravest problem of the conscientious teacher.

The Waynesville District school is to have a program of vocational, educational and social guidance inaugurated into its system, that will give the individual pupil an opportunity to find his talent and will be guided into the development of that natural gift.

This new project strikes at the roots of education and will tend not only to help the student find his talent, but enable him to develop it. The new course will make his school life into a definite goal and not merely a period of counting time.

The community is to be congratulated on having a superintendent of schools who has a vision of such a comprehensive educational service. He has outlined for himself and his teachers a large task. They will have to get out of the old current and cut a new course across the fields of education as far as the usual public school is concerned.

With science creating new avenues of industry, the demand for trained workers grows by leaps and bounds, until a well rounded education today means not only a background of general information, but preparation for some special line of work, that will qualify the pupil to keep abreast of the times and be ready for the job that will be open to him later.

There is an old saying that "we get out of life what we put into it." Certainly the person who early gets a definite idea of what he wants, is usually the person, whom we often mistakenly call "Lucky." When in reality he has been preparing for just the opportunity that has come. Had he not been ready he would not have been chosen.

Mr. Bowles is asking the cooperation of the patrons of the school in the new venture in education. Parents can do much to supplement the findings of the teachers in helping direct the lives of their children along the lines of their talents.

We trust that the patrons of the District schools will give Mr. Bowles and his teachers a one hundred percent cooperation in making the success of the new program that will be reflected in the lives of the children in the citizens of tomorrow.

"One trouble with America is that too many citizens think that patriotism is only a word found in the dictionary."—Key West Citizen.

A Fearless Preacher

This community loses a splendid pastor and a fearless preacher in Julian S. Hopkins, who for 26 months has served the First Baptist Church here.

The fact that the largest Baptist church in a city of 40,000, with a membership of over 1,200 unanimously urged him to become their pastor, is proof enough that he is capable. He leaves early in September for the Green Street Baptist church in High Point.

Mr. Hopkins is earnest and sincere. Although a hard working pastor, he took an active part in the civic life of the community, serving as president of the Lions Club for the past year.

The congregation and the community at large regret his leaving, but have realized for sometime that a man of his ability would sooner or later be sought for a larger field.

He rightly deserves the larger church which so earnestly sought him.

Means Of Escape

We noticed by some of the big dailies that as Congress continues to debate the merits of conscription, hundreds of young men are leading their brides to the altar.

They apparently prefer the taking of the bondage of matrimony to the draft of Uncle Sam.

Locally our boys do not seem worried. At least the records in the office of the register of deeds, Chas. C. Francis, show no increase in the number of licenses issued.

In Brooklyn, one day last week, the line of applicants started forming at 7:30 in the morning and when the bureau closed 188 marriage licenses had been issued and 300 couples turned away at closing time, and told to report next week.

Maybe our mountain boys are made of sterner stuff and do not fear the taking up of arms. Surely it can not be that they prefer military draft to "other bonds."

Mr. Wilkie Accepts

Political history was made up in Elwood, Ind., last Saturday when Wendell L. Wilkie, Republican nominee received formal notification of his nomination and delivered his acceptance speech.

While things are warming up, it is said that the campaigns will not start in earnest until after Labor Day. Political observers are of the opinion that the election will be closely contested. Indications at present are that New York State will turn the tide.

Mr. Wilkie pointed out a good many defects in the present administration, but he was considerably hazy as to any definite remedies of a situation that seems inevitable regardless of who is President of the United States.

Mr. Wilkie is starting his race with a welcome to all groups to get on his "band wagon." But before the final count of votes he will have to "take sides" on some of the pertinent issues, that in November may cost him what at present seem likely votes.

More Money

The United States Mint reports an unprecedented demand for coins. Last year a total of 168,093,000 coins were stamped out—double the production of the preceding year, which was an all time high record. But even so the output lagged far behind orders.

With stocks of coins almost depleted the Mint has decided to work its coinage units at Denver and Philadelphia 24 hours a day.

While it is reported that this increased demand results from improved business conditions there are other factors also contributing. We need a lot of extra change these days.

There are slot machines throughout the country that are taking entirely too much change.

But the chief reason no doubt is the new defense taxes which went into effect on July the first. It takes extra pennies and small change to buy cigarettes, gasoline, entrance to movies, and theatres and many miscellaneous items.

Our taxes may be figured in dollars, but it takes a lot of half dollars, quarters, dimes, nickles and pennies to pay them.

We wonder how many voters have read the platforms of the two political parties in thoughtful consideration of what they stand for in deciding for whom they will cast their vote in November.

"National unity in our country is essential as well for the preservation of democratic rights as for the defense of those rights. It is the heart of our problem, the test of our Americanism."—President Roosevelt.

Japan is said to have bought 250,000 tons of scrap iron in the United States last month. We hope they don't start shooting some of it back at us.

Here and There

—By—

HILDA WAY GWYN

There is so much agitation in the modern life over "beauty treatment" . . . big business has grown from its progress . . . and now comes another type of beauty treatment . . . that has nothing to do with beauty shops and permanent "waving machines" . . . It was written by M. J. Reading and is the contribution of a reader of this column . . . we wish we had space for all the treatment . . . but can give only excerpts. . .

"A NEW KIND OF BEAUTY TREATMENT"

Are you dissatisfied with your appearance? . . . if so, maybe you are working on the wrong side of your face—the outside . . . you may be applying cold cream, rouge, and powder needlessly . . . Maybe all your face needs is better backing . . . Your heart is the only backing your face has . . . and in spite of everything it shows right through . . . all the cosmetics and beauticians in the world cannot prevent that . . . if, what is behind your face is ugly . . . be sure the world will see it . . . no matter how hard you may try to hide it under a mask of pretense . . . So if you would be beautiful . . . start working on what is back of your face. . . . Give your heart a beauty treatment every day . . . here is a formula for a beauty cream that will do wonders for your face . . . it cannot be purchased at any cosmetic counter . . . you must make it yourself . . . the supply is unlimited . . . it is as good for men as for women . . . and is free to all . . . do not be afraid of using too much . . . here is the formula for "Miracle Heart Cream":

1. Take a lot of love . . . you cannot use too much . . . it is the softener . . . the cream would be absolutely worthless without it . . .
2. Add a lump of kindness . . . it is the lubricator . . . it prevents friction . . . without it the going would be rough and unhappy . . .
3. Pour in a large measure of good cheer . . . it chases gloom out of dark corners and lights the way to happiness . . .
4. Do not forget pity . . . it is important . . . but must be used with great discretion . . .
5. Now put in a big gob of sense of humor . . . it is the spice of life and adds pep to insipid and uninteresting occasions . . .
6. Use a great deal of patience . . . it promotes harmony and leads to success . . .
7. Dump in a large bundle of faith in people . . . it is great for increasing ambition and stimulating effort . . .
8. Stir in plenty of hope . . . it prevents the blues . . .
9. Mix with all these an abundance of courage . . . it keeps you from turning yellow . . .
10. Last thing . . . gather up all the smiles you can find and sprinkle literally over the other ingredients . . . like sauce to a dinner . . . they cover a multitude of mistakes and relieve dull monotony. . .

When all these are blended into a rosy cream . . . apply a generous amount . . . of it to the heart every day . . . do not wipe off the surplus . . . leave it there to be absorbed . . . massage well and follow at once with vigorous exercise for at least one hour . . . love somebody . . . do a kind act . . . or speak a kind word . . . be cheerful . . . give somebody a lift . . . face life with courage . . . and in spite of everything, smile . . . this exercise will take up the loose sagging skin, tone up the flabby muscles . . . and remove the ugly bulges where greed, hate, envy, criticism, and nagging have left marks . . . Follow these directions faithfully for thirty days, and you will not only feel better, but you will be able to see a difference in the face that looks back at you from the mirror. . .

Continue the treatment for six months and your friends will remark, "How much better you are looking" . . . Keep it up . . . and in a year you will notice that the number of your friends has more than doubled . . . Keep it up for forty years . . . and you will have a heart beautiful enough to admit you to the charmed circle of the world's nobility . . . Kings and courtiers alike, the high and the lowly everywhere will pay you tribute . . . they will never even see the wrinkles in your face because of the light that shines from within. . .

EXCESS PROFITS TAX

A threatening deficit of \$5,700,000,000, which will hoist to a new high the present national debt limitation of \$49,000,000,000, is seen by Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, who urges an excess profits tax.

A radio comic, charged with purloining gags, pleaded "unconscious plagiarism." The "unconscious" part sounds plausible.—Washington Post.

Talent, lying in the understanding, is often inherited; genius, being the action of reason or imagination, rarely or never.—Coleridge.

HE AND HIS SHADOW



Voice of The People

What is your reaction to Wilkie's suggestion that he and the president engage in a series of joint debates?

L. M. Richeson—"I can't see that anything worth while can be gained from such debates, when there are such vital issues before the public. The trouble with the country today is too much talk and too little action."

Mrs. William Hannah—"I don't believe in joint debates at this particular time. There are too many important national and international problems to be faced just now. The debates would be just so much political harangue."

Dr. N. M. Medford—"I feel that joint debates belong to 'ancient history.' The suggestion sounded like so much 'baby play' to me."

Harry Rung—"I don't think it is necessary, but it might bring out some good points at this time."

V. C. Nobeck—"I doubt the wisdom of such debates. I believe better results could be obtained through the papers, radio, speeches, etc."

J. C. Patrick—"When I read the suggestion of Mr. Wilkie in the paper I felt that President Roosevelt was too busy in Washington to engage in any joint political debate."

Fred Davis—"Not so good. It is a critical period and nothing would be gained by such debates."

Dr. C. N. Sisk—"In my opinion such methods are out of date and uncalled for. I see nothing to be gained by the debates, as each one has the opportunity to state his views on vital questions over the radio, and through the papers."

T. L. Green—"According to my way of thinking the suggestion was about the only useless remark in Mr. Wilkie's acceptance speech."

CLIPPINGS

MORE PRACTICAL SCHOOLS

A committee of educators has reported to the American Youth Commission that actual work experience should be made a part of high school curriculums, that courses in social studies should be expanded, instruction concerning personal problems be given and improved methods of reading be taught. The committee believes that important needs of most of the 6,500,000 boys and girls in high schools of the United States are not being met but that the hopes fostered by much of the present system are doomed to disappointment.

It is true that the great bulk of the opportunities open to youth of high school education today is in more or less mechanized fields of employment. The incidence of child labor laws, wholesome as is their general effect, leaves countless youngsters eager for means of learning to do things with their hands and to see how the world's work is done. Thus the coupling of high school training with useful occupations is desirable for many.

Yet the emphasis on reading shows that the workbench cannot supply all or more than a moderate share of a mechanic's life. The amount of reading matter which is being hurled at everyone by the modern press in newspapers, magazines, and books calls for speed and accuracy on the part of the reader. And the requirements of citizenship call for discernment in his use of the information he consumes.—Christian Science Monitor.

JUSTICE TO TEACHERS

It was never the purpose of State teachers, in submitting to pay cuts during a period of national depression, that such reduced stipends should be continued longer than such a period of national economic emergency existed.

The truth in North Carolina is that few of the teachers, if any at all, have had their salaries restored to the levels they were before the depression.

The Raleigh News & Observer Saturday comes to the aid of the teachers, by demanding that teacher's salaries in North Carolina be restored to pre-depression levels. Says the Raleigh paper:

"The State School Commission and the Board of Education have just announced another 'raise' in pay of the State's school teachers."

"Technically, the teachers have received a 'raise,' although a pitifully small one, with a limited number of teachers, amounting to \$2 a month for some white teachers and \$6 a month for some Negro teachers, with less than half of the white teachers receiving any increase at all."

"Actually, white teachers have

received no 'raise' at all. There has been a series of 'raises' in the last few years, which were in reality only partial restorations of drastic cuts in pay made in 1931 and 1933. Other State employees have long since had full restoration of all pay cuts. There has never been any argument offered for this discrimination except the argument of lack of funds. The State Treasury now shows a substantial surplus. There is even less justification than before, and there has never been any real justification for continuing the discrimination.

"The State School Commission should submit to the next General Assembly a plan for doing justice to all the teachers of the State, regardless of race."

"Federal Court decisions have recently held, and properly so, that there should be no discrimination in pay of teachers because of race. That does not mean that all teachers would receive equal pay. Former cuts should be restored and then the pay of teachers should be adjusted on a single standard of service performed.—Whiteville News Report.

THE DECLINE OF THE CITIES

(Hertford County Herald)

It is of more than passing interest to note that the growth of large cities in the United States has been definitely checked. Either people are moving away from the cities or fewer are moving to them. Census figures so far compiled and reported show that the total increase in population in more than 100 cities is less than 5 per cent in the past ten years. The same cities grew nearly 25 per cent in population in the preceding ten year period.

There is little doubt that the cause of the decline of the big cities is due to the automobile and the better highways leading to the smaller towns and suburbs. When the figures are all in we see the size of the "satellite" communities shall doubtless see a great increase in within easy motoring distance of the bigger communities. Comparatively few people live in the large cities from choice; they are forced by necessity to live close to their work. Those who can live in a suburb and motor to and from town do so.

A BRIDGE DEFINED

A "bridge" less than 18 feet long is not a bridge, says a railway engineer—properly it is a culvert.

Searching for Substitutes
German military authorities have offered a money prize for invention of a storage battery made with little or no lead, nickel, cadmium, or mercury.

North Carolina had 37 pedestrians under 15 years of age killed the first six months of this year.

Topics Of The Day

BY
Judge Frank Smathers

BELGIUM'S PLIGHT

Belgium's plight is bad, but no worse than that of Poland. The difference is the Belgian promise of neutrality—in the event of a war, while France trusted too much in the inviolability of the Maginot Line, Belgium trusted too little in the inviolability of the Maginot Line. Belgium's vigorous educational campaign to combat the disintegrating and subversive influences of German spies and the 5th Columnists in and out of France.

Yest, the Belgian plight is—indiscreetly bad! But with every other nation of Europe that trusted in Hitler's promises of peaceful intentions, friendly relations. And so ever be the future for other nations that is foolish to trust his word or promise.

At the first Hitler wanted to rescue his Sudeten brethren from Czechoslovakia. He swore and again privately and publicly that he had no other territorial intentions in Europe. This water he had unctuously and glibly gobbled up Austria.

Next it was only a narrow strip of Poland, a corridor, which needed to get to the sea. Next kind heart feared for the safety of panicky Norway. So invaded that country to protect from England's evil aggression.

Next fell Denmark, Belgium, Holland and France in easy succession. Now these proud and free people, millions upon millions of them, are crushed, enslaved, robbed of all their liberties, their food stuffs and live stocks. Yes, robbed of liberty and freedom, and today forced to work endless hours without reward, and for the benefit of their tyrannical oppressors.

In the face of all this and self-evident treachery, tyranny Hitler now has the gall to attempt to work the same tactics on the free Hemisphere.

At first his propagandists 5th Columnists tried to scare Americans into silence and mission. He hoped they would be frightened easily into acquiescence and unpreparedness. He did not work however at the vana conference, and only led the efforts of defense in America. So the wise guys of Germany decided to change their tactics, strike America in her vulnerable spot—her desire to trade and money. Hence, we see and hear the activities of his secret agents applying to America's businessmen and industrialists their "winning processes," namely, promises of trade and big business profits to a Yankee as irresistible as offering milk and honey to a starving Belgian. As we think there are those and more of them, too, in Congress, throughout this intelligent country who believe it is best and that safe to believe Hitler and his line when they promise "cash aims," nor "territorial desires" in this hemisphere.

If only these credulous Americans would think the thing they would readily see the evil sign behind the lying promises of peace and friendly trade relations with America. It ought to be obvious to them that we can peacefully live with nor carry honest and fair trade relations with Dictator Hitler. We have not in common with such a character. Our ideals and ideas of life, liberty, religion, government and so on can no more harmonize with than can light with darkness, good with evil. One is the opposite of the other in both principle and practice. As light comes, darkness goes out—as Hitler moves in to any nation or continent, liberty, freedom, and civilization flee. This is proven over and over again by the tragic historic occurrences of Europe. Already Hitler's agents of espionage and sabotage are at work secretly and openly in the Democracies of the Western Hemisphere. They must, those of Europe, be brought to the domination and control of National Socialistic system Adolf Hitler . . . then and only, will his dream of German grandeur be realized and his ambition satisfied.

Yet, we hear the appeasers pacifists of America asking the question: "Why can't we, as free people, trade and do business with the dictators of Europe?" On the surface that looks simple and feasible enough, but beneath the surface it is neither feasible nor physically possible—for reason, the dictator nations produce and sell manufactured goods at such a ridiculously low cost that a democratic nation cannot begin to compete with it. Why? Because the dictator country produce and distribute goods without regard to the cost of production or distribution, without regard to the cost of the goods.

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