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 (One Day Nearer Victory)

Looking Ahead

In our mails during the past week came a letter from a printing press company asking us to give them some ideas as to our printing press equipment needs for a period of four or five years after the war. It sounded on first glance as a pretty big order, and a shot in the dark, but on second reading we recognized the sound business policy.

Any business of today that is going to survive the future ups and downs and the present problems will have to look ahead to planning after the war.

The manufacturer of machinery and supplies will naturally want some idea of what will be needed. If this idea of planning ahead is followed by the business world in general industry can be geared to meet the needs, rather than be forced after the war to slow down for lack of foresight of the future.

More Women Needed

With the large number of women who have left homes for jobs outside since the beginning of the war we were surprised to learn this week that there are still more than 4,000,000 women under 45 without small children who could go to work, if necessary.

If the selective service continues to draft men for the army, the women might as well make up their minds, even though they have never sought employment before, they will have to be drawn into the factories. While the War Manpower Commission has threatened to draft them, Paul V. McNutt of the Commission contends that they will have to be "persuaded."

Maybe you are right, Mr. McNutt, it might prove to be the better policy, to appeal to their patriotism, rather than drive them.

Large Opportunities

We have heard for many years of the struggles that the graduates of our county schools have when they enter college in competition with students from other sections who have enjoyed the privileges of attending a nine-months school term. Their complaints have been justified, for only in rare exceptions with a brilliant pupil has the lack failed to handicap the student.

It has been a hard fought battle in North Carolina to get this extension of the school term. It is rather surprising that even in this critical era this greater opportunity should come to our children. Perhaps it was the emergency which helped the legislators and the public in general to a realization of the benefits to be derived from this nine-months term.

The state has given this advantage, but whether or not it is reflected in the education of the rising generation remains with the parents and the students. It should mean a great deal, both to the student whose education in the school room will be closed when graduated from high school, and to the student who will continue his education in college.

No Worse

Still, the destruction of life in the Orient is no worse than that in the Accident.—Newark Ledger.

Blessed is the child whose parents never lied to him.

What Does Payment Mean?

We were interested in an editorial which appeared in a recent issue of the Christian Science Monitor, excerpts of which follow: "Victory and secure peace are the only coin in which we can be repaid." This statement by President Roosevelt brings the question of war debts right down to fundamentals.

"It is time—now that lend-lease is running at the rate of \$1,000,000,000 a month and has already greatly exceeded the total of war debts incurred by American Allies in World War One—that heroic efforts were made to fortify American opinion against inroads by demagogues and isolationists after this war. Lend-lease books now being kept in Washington may otherwise become the 'Mein Kamps' of many politicians who otherwise could not find a platform on which to stand.

"President Roosevelt in his latest report on lend-lease goes farther than he did when he described the proposal to the press in December, 1940. At that time he warned against the concept of repayment in money, offering as a substitute the hope of repayment in kind.

"But the important thing for the Americans to remember is that repayment is being made every day a Russian, or a Briton, or any member of an Allied nation makes the supreme sacrifice for the common cause.

"To pass from the moral aspects of the question to the dollars-and-cents angle: Do Americans want to be paid, either in money or in kind, the enormous amounts now being consumed on battlefields? They did not show themselves ready to accept payment last time. Unless Americans show greater willingness to accept goods from other nations in the future they might as well decide they do not want payment.

"The latest statement by Mr. Roosevelt forges ahead of both the concept of payment in money and payment in kind. It puts the emphasis where it belongs—on the necessity of victory and the value of a secure peace. A generation of Americans reaching military age in another 20 years will thank their predecessors more for these things than for keeping the financial ledgers neatly balanced between wars."

Institutional Population

S. H. Hobbs, in a recent issue of the University News Letter, points out that getting married is good insurance against getting in prison or the poorhouse. This deduction is made from a survey made as of April 1, 1940, of institutional population in North Carolina, which shows that 59 per cent of all the inmates of North Carolina prisons, reformatories, jails or workhouses, mental institutions and homes for aged, needy and infirm, are single persons. Two thirds of all inmates of homes for aged, infirm or needy persons are single.

Another interesting deduction is that when the survey was made, only 100 college graduates were in all the institutions mentioned while one half of the institutional inmates in North Carolina had not gone beyond the fourth grade. One fifth had had no schooling at all.

Inmates of State institutions on April 1, 1940, totaled 25,680. In prison were 8,816; in jail or workhouses, 3,303; in homes for aged etc., 2,176; in other institutions, 83.—The Smithfield Herald.

A Serious Problem

There will be 13,000 class rooms in the United States closed this month that should be open, according to a recent survey, all because of lack of teachers. They have left their professions to enter other and better paying jobs. They have their side, and far be it from us to pass judgment on them for leaving the academic halls for the hum of industrial plants.

We do feel that after the war, while many of them will come back into the teaching profession, as in other fields, there will have to be adjustments made. Teachers will have to be recognized for their real worth and the vital part they play in the life of the student.

Perhaps there will be a silver lining to the adjustment period. Those who really are "called" to teach will return and those who are merely following the profession because it happened to be the line of least resistance, will drop out and find other forms of permanent employment.

"And on the other hand," says Optimistic Olive, "this is a kind old world because it doesn't expect pretty girls and women to have much sense."



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We wonder if people ever grow too old to find themselves failing to respond to memories of the past when they see small children going to school... just the sight of the little first graders last week on the opening day of school gave us a passport into the past... and in a flash we were back in the old red (and we mean red) brick building which once stood on the grounds of the Central Elementary... Miss Sallie Roberts was our teacher... that first day stands out as one of the longest we have ever known... we wore a blue checked gingham dress our mother had made especially for the occasion... it had a pocket in the folds of the gathered skirt... and we recall that we had a large yellow apple... from the tree near the barn at home... we were simply scared to death... for fear we would do something to make the teacher call us down... as she was having to do some of the boys... we thought we had never seen so many children... somehow the smell of chalk on a blackboard makes us remember that day even now... when we got home it seemed so good, but we had taken our first step into the world... and we felt a grave responsibility over being a member of the first grade.

Monday we visited the Hazelwood and Central Elementary schools... then later in the week we took a turn in East Waynesville... and we saw just that look on many little faces... they wanted to make good... but it was all so hard to understand... there was so much to learn that it was all confusion at first... Hazelwood had just dismissed for the day... but the teachers were in their rooms... rather going back and forth from the office of Lawrence Leatherwood, principal... with arms full of books... getting organized for their work... 15 teachers... with 549 students enrolled... running into Mrs. Ott Ledbetter, she said, "Just think after 19 years I have been promoted from the 1st grade to the 2nd"... we felt very much flattered when one little girl shyly came up and asked with a smile... "Are you one of the new teachers?"

We made the rounds taking in the auditorium, which is a very attractive room... as we viewed the lovely light blue of the walls and woodwork... and then contrasted it with the usually neutral tones of the walls in school rooms... we wondered why class rooms can't have more color... perhaps we are all wrong... maybe instead of giving an uplift of spirit... somebody might be allergic to a certain color... and from the psychological influence it would be all wrong to turn to colors... In the kitchen things were being put in order... mammoth pots and pans being scoured for use... the Hazelwood school is by far the most pretentious elementary school in the district, but after all, what held our attention longest were not the buildings, but the children... they were all so nice and clean... even the little boys hadn't had time to get that mused-up look that boys just get after tussling about... a large number were waiting on the bus to take them home... some up at Balsam Gap... Allen's Creek... and Saunook... but in the crowd were many who lived right in Hazelwood... but they were loath to leave... they had come to school for the day... bringing their lunches and there was simply no point in going home to eat... so they sat on the steps and ate... and talked about school... a lot of fist fighting and challenging looks between small boys... they are just made like that... we talked with Max Henry, who comes to school in a wheel chair, is now in the 6th grade and Douglas Smith, his next door neighbor who pushes him about... up comes Jimmy Swift, and says, "You know, Mrs. Gwyn, I'm going to be a farmer someday..." Talking with the

bus riders... it seemed that Bobbie McElroy was the last to leave the bus on his route... In leaving we noticed a poster on the wall... "Till we meet again," a soldier waving farewell... "Buy War Bonds"... and the thought came, would there be another war... would these children grow up to be forced to take up arms... as those who came on during the First World War were having to do today...

Then we came over to Central Elementary... we love the trees on the grounds... perhaps it is because some of them were planted on Arbor Day when we went to school there in the "old building"... there were 49 first graders... all settled down, as if they had been going to school a month... listening to a story read by Martha Way one minute... and taking a bit of exercise under direction of Miss Patterson the next... little Marguerite Russ looking very much at home, after her kindergarten experience... Bill Crawford intent on drawing... and two small girls, twins in blue, reminding one of that old song... then into Miss Margaret Burgin's room... to find that she had stepped into the office about something... but not one sound in the room in her absence... those who have brought lunches were given permission to eat... teacher back, they sang for me...

Then into the room of the principal Claude Rogers... who teaches the 6th grade... they were deep in the outline of a geography lesson... we made a casual survey of what they wanted to do someday... 8 boys wanted to be pilots and two girls... but in the crowd much to our surprise there were no would-be doctors, lawyers, merchants, and farmers... the latter they claimed was too hard work... one boy wanted to join the navy, and 2 the marines... and the nursing profession was the major field the girls chose... Then we stopped by to say hello to Stephanie Moore... in the 3rd grade... and her 31 pupils were deep in the study of vowels... In the entire school the enrollment reached 233 on the first day...

We did not get out to East Waynesville until Thursday... and by then things were settled in regular routine... here they have 215 girls and boys... It took a strange to see Frances Robeson... from Central at East Waynesville... but we found that the children love her just the same, no matter where she is teaching... and some of them were so proud to tell me that she had taught other members of their family... in her grade we found Charles Bridges... with his hair brushed back like a "teen ager"... we were intrigued by the large bell on the desk of Frank Rogers, principal... in the 4th grade, we



Inside WASHINGTON

Six Years of Warfare Have Westernized the Chinese | Oriental Allies Pattern National Life After U.S.

WASHINGTON—Six years of defensive fighting against the Japanese have driven the Chinese people further and further toward Oriental life until now it appears that the nation may be completely westernized by the time the United Nations have defeated the Nipponese invaders.

The Chinese have invested almost their entire faith in the success of their savior and the process of patterning their life and thought along American lines proceeds with every passing day.

Movies from the United States have become the most popular medium of entertainment and diversion. The box office receipts have easily the No. 1 favorite of the fans and the movies have always been sell-outs.

The transition, begun nearly four years ago, from an empire into a republic has brought about far-reaching effects upon the women. The traditional seclusion of that sex has disappeared.

Women have won virtual equality, particularly with the new inheritance laws which provide that girls shall inherit equally with boys in the division of parental estates.

Extensive provisions have been made for the education of Chinese girls. English is a requirement in their colleges with the result that the Chinese language is slowly passing.

Educators estimate that every 10,000 Chinese who can write, read and speak English are only 100 who can handle the Chinese language with equal facility. The classic, although true example, is that of the girl from a prominent Chinese family who was entertained by an Englishman on a visit. The lady had applied herself to the task of learning enough Chinese so that she could hope to converse, at least slightly, with the girl. Over the dinner table the English lady labored to make herself understood, which only embarrassed the girl.

Finally, the girl asked in perfect English, "I'm sorry, but I do not understand the language you are speaking."

The Chinese woman, however, concedes that western dress is so becoming to her, usually making her appear awkward and ungainly. The most fashionable attire today is the long coat and trousers, made of dazzling brocades, with the narrow skirt slit to the knees on either side.

Chinese tradition has it that a man's spirit will not rest until he has had a son. The urge for a son is so strongly rooted within the people that polygamy is exercised in cases when the original does not bear a son. The wife often urges her husband to acquire another wife if she did not bear a son.

The first wife remains the mistress of the household and any subsequent wives assist her in the duties of the household. There is not infrequently complaints from wives that their husbands do not marry a second wife—so that there will be more hands to help out in household.

The advances of western ideas are pushing this marriage system into discard on the practical basis that the average Chinese husband has his hands full in supporting one wife. For instance, if the No. 1 wife decided that she wanted a new dress, the No. 2 and possibly other, wives would clamor for a new dress—which might be more than the man's pocketbook could stand.

From the war China expects that her conquered provinces will be restored. The Chinese have already made known to their allies that they want the island of Formosa returned.

Chinese statesmen have also expressed a repeated hope that the rich provinces of Manchuria and Korea, which have been exploited by the Japs, will be returned to her.

The government has agreed to the principle of exclusion and does not ask for the right to send her peoples into other of the United Nations. However, it is hoped that close economic and political relations with her allies will become a permanent part of China's national life.

Voice OF THE People

Do you think that the Europe will be over by now?

Mrs. R. N. Roebuck—think it will.

Judge W. H. Galloway—If it will be over, but I won't think so.

Tyson A. Cotton—No, the progress is taking months, and it is not possible for us to get the Christmas.

Bill Howell—I don't think so, and I don't know.

O. R. Robison—I don't think so, but I don't know.

Paul W. Galloway—I think so, but I don't know.

H. C. Allen—I don't know, but I don't think so.

Grayden Freeman—I don't think so, but I don't know.

Sam C. C. I don't know, but I don't think so.

Little Amy—I don't know, but I don't think so.

Little Amy (confessing fully)—Well, I do, and it's to be a military wedding.

pastime... Try it some you find time... and see how our schools are being ed...