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A PARAMOUNT DECISION

Never before has the people of the South needed state and school leaders with abundant wisdom and a feeling of dedication to purpose than now. Never before have our government leaders and educators been faced with such a big and difficult problem as what recourse to take in seeking the best solution to our public school system.

In the seventeen states affected by the segregation decision, there are about 9,000,000 white children and 2,650,000 Negro children. The variance in Negro enrollment presents such problems to our state and school leaders as:

1. How will it affect the school building program?
2. What will become of our thousands of colored educators?
3. What will happen to education itself?
4. What steps can be taken to insure a better, and not a worse public school system?

To solve all these problems will take intelligent planning and thinking, plus time. Right now our school system is woefully unprepared for any integration program. Furthermore, the state and school leaders will find the whites less willing to go along with any integration program that the South was slowly learning to accept and that the South would have put through on its own accord if given time to work out the problem.

In addition to this, the colored people realize that great strides, unrepresented in history, have been undertaken in North Carolina and in much of the South in recent years in providing their race with better school facilities, and as a result they know that the Colored System of education has attained its all-time high standard.

Consequently, most Negro educators and the thinking members of the race are quite content to remain segregated in the schools. And it is only reasonable that they should see and feel it that way. Why in the world should you junk or completely revamp a system when that system is operating at a peak point with the promise of getting even better if given time.

It is the consensus that most prideful Negroes want the school system the way it is and has been. There are many proven leaders among the Negroes who are perfectly capable of handling their own situations and the race has progressed immeasurably in recent years under their guidance.

The epoch-making decision of the United States Supreme Court has given us a problem, a big and difficult problem. But no matter how big the problem and difficulties, they are not insurmountable. We have no doubt that our state and school leaders will solve the complexities in a spirit of understanding and good will.

Rebel Revelations

If ever there was a worse spring in New England, it is not within the memory of living man. May was the coldest and wettest since records have been kept. It looks as if June will be as unseasonable, or worse if that is possible.

The back roads are a sea of mud - unwary tourists get stuck daily on the back road beyond the blue spruces at Greentrees. The ground is wet to plant, too cold anyway, nothing would grow. When the sun does break through the low-lying clouds, the black flies come out in such hordes that they hide it. Such hungry, vicious nasty insects! They make the few days that might be called pleasant, sheer torture. No amount of fly oil deters them.

Some farmers have told me that if you get up before dawn, you can avoid them. Don't believe it. The minute you step on the grass or the earth or the leaves in the woods they rise to torment you. They bite everywhere - crawl up your slacks, get in your eyes and mouth and nose. They ruin the fishing, too. The season should be very good now. The fish are rising to anything. But so are the black flies. Only a high wind makes it bearable - a wind so high it is dangerous to venture on the water.

Thus all the things I wanted to do outside have had to wait. The grass grows very fast in this weather and so do the weeds. Only my hardy phlox and delphiniums grow faster. The smaller flowers in my perennial border are covered with weeds. Even cleaning inside is not too satisfactory in such beastly New England weather. If you do get your floors all scrubbed and waxed, you'll have to do it again when the mud season is over. You can't take things outside to air - they would get soggy and mildewed.

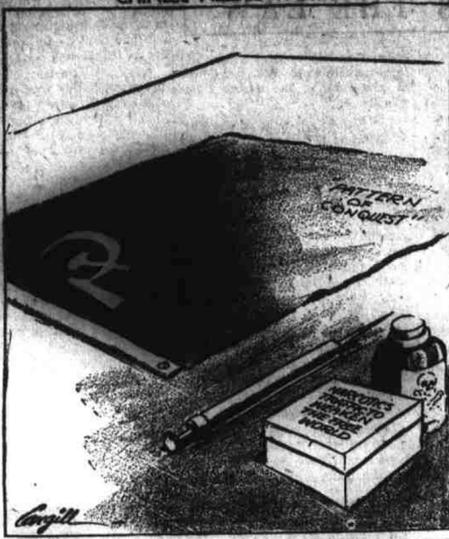
But I did finish that library closet. Everything has a place now. The trinkets and mementoes are neatly packed away in boxes each labeled with its contents. The hundreds of snapshots and photographs are in an old leather trunk. The dance programs and love letters of generations are tied with ribbon, a different color for each recipient, and put lovingly away in a cedar chest for future generations to discover with howls of laughter no doubt.

Yet some things I had hope to find were not there. Maybe I shall run across them in one of the cavernous closets under the eaves in the attic - there are seven of those if I can get them open after all these years. In one there are things that belong to my mother, souvenirs of her honeymoon abroad, scrap books filled with pictures and notes and letters and parts of faded bouquets from many admirers. There are favors from June weeks and commencement balls at colleges all over the country, it seems to me. I don't know how she ever had time to attend all of them. And invitations to more social events than I have been to in my life - all this before she was twenty-one.

What a gay and happy life she had when she was a girl! No wonder she is trying next week to Vermont to attend the fifty-fifth reunion of her class. I think that reunion I may see myself. I always loved meeting her old beaux - some of them are such distinguished gentlemen - who still greet her as if she were their long-lost love whom they had never forgotten. It must be wonderful when you have passed three-score and ten to be able to kindle a flame in an old lady's eyes, an assurance that the spark remains.

Who more I think of Vermont, the surer I am that I shall go next

CHINESE NEEDLE WORK



week. I hadn't really decided to at all until I remembered how long it has been since I was there in the home of my ancestors. I went to recapture the deep peace of the beautiful Green Mountains, see again the lush green fields, the well-kept farms. I have an urge to go to the cemetery where my grandparents rest after such a long and full life. Maybe I shall get strength from that lovely quiet resting place to live out my allotted years.

And it has been a long time, too, since I have seen my lively and delightful aunt who is undoubtedly the best cook in all New England. I might even be able to pry from her the recipe for her delicious maple-buttered cake. It will be such a joy to be again in her immaculate and orderly home, all shining and clean with floors so polished they are like a mirror. I shall beg to wash her priceless china and the ruby glass which has graced the family table for almost countless generations.

It may be that there in Vermont I shall find something I have lost recently, or that has been washed away by the horrible Maine spring. Perhaps I shall regain some of my accustomed enthusiasm and lightness of heart with those two perennially youthful girls, my mother and my aunt. I might even acquire some of fortitude and courage for which Vermonters are famous, those splendid souls who look life straight in the eye and do not flinch, who carry on regardless of trouble or misfortune, who live not merely exist.

I have been confined to Maine for a year now - and it seems more like a prison daily. Days on end go by and I see the same four walls, the same huge empty rooms. I find myself talking to my dog who is already bored by my conversation. Lest I get so mired in the Maine mud that I sink into a slough of despond and so stuck there I can't get out, I shall pull myself out while I am able. I might reach that point of no return and go quietly and desperately mad. Obviously I am bored with the place and the weather and myself. I need a new horizon, new scenes, fresh inspiration. The winter is over, or so the calendar says. And it is high time I waked up from my long hibernation, took a deep breathe and started to live again.

Already I feel better. In anticipating my escape from Maine for a few days, my spirit revives. I feel filled with a zest for adventure. And when I come back, I shall have a keener vision, a livelier imagination. But for now much as I love the place, and I do, well, I've had it - I've been cramped too closely these past months and I need to stretch, need to grow a little. We all do occasionally.

HELEN CALDWELL CUSHMAN

PARENT PROBLEMS

Early Discipline Could Curb Future Delinquency

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

JUVENILE delinquency? We've seen nothing yet!

Wait till the yearly crop of more than 3,000,000 babies, and the dozen million toddlers under five, reach the age of nine, ten or fifteen. Never a time in our history when so many parents believed they should not restrain the preschool tot lest he be frustrated. Never a time when so few youngsters in the United States under four or five have learned the meaning of No.

So while all our nation is puzzled and worried over the upsurge of juvenile delinquency, many of the rank and file of young parents are helping prepare a lot of babies and young children as recruits in the big army of youthful offenders. Of course, these parents are not doing so on purpose. They are doing it, and most of them very conscientiously, as they suppose the "experts" have told them to do.

Social Status

Are most of these parents of delinquents poor and illiterate? Some are, but far from all. Many live in mansions or comfortable homes, are articulate, and even have college degrees.

The present big crop of juvenile delinquents is an accomplished fact. Some of them will, of course, be salvaged for good citizenship. But the flood is rushing forward.

If we are to check this flood, we will need to work at the source. We will have to begin with the babies and young children. Who

will work on these children? Their own parents, and they will when they realize they should.

When will they think they should? When they no longer have propaganda of excessive permissiveness forced upon them, or when they use their own commonsense. Then there will also be more love and understanding in the home.

Proper Training Needed

Juvenile delinquency will surely get much worse before it gets better. When it gets bad enough, many young parents will come to the conclusion that they had better train their little children, while they easily can be trained, in the unambiguous meaning of No; also love them more in the meanwhile.

Along with their stiffening up discipline in the nursery, young parents will spend more time with their little children, having fun with them, and providing them with more family understanding and affection.

We had better not be too optimistic about the change coming rapidly. But when it does come, we can begin to look ten or a dozen years ahead to a decrease in juvenile delinquency and crime.

(My bulletins, "How To Teach Tot Meaning of No" and "How Juvenile Delinquency Can Be Curbed," may be had by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to me in care of this newspaper.)

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What Veterans Are Asking

Q-Will a certified true copy of a photostatic copy serve in the place of the original discharge paper for GI Loan purposes?

A-Generally not. However, when a veteran has lost his original discharge paper or if it is temporarily unavailable, the Loan Guaranty Officer in the regional office of the Veterans Administration will accept any authenticated substitute, evidence of service and discharge or release furnished by the proper military or naval service.

Q-Must a veteran have served in Korea to be eligible for the benefits of Public Law 850 (Korean GI Bill)?

A-No. He may have served in the armed forces any place in the world - in the United States or abroad - and not necessarily in Korea.

Q-What is the deadline for starting training under the Korean GI Bill?

A-A veteran discharged before August 20, 1952, must start before August 20, 1954. A veteran discharged or after August 20, 1952, has two years from his date of discharge or reparation in which to begin.

Q-Will a veteran of World War I be able to get a GI loan indefinitely?

A-No. In most cases applications by World War I veterans must be made within 10 years from July 25, 1947, the end of World War II for the purpose of the Act. Veterans whose entitlement is derived from active service on or after June 27, 1950, may apply at any time within 10 years after such date as shall be determined by Presidential proclamation or by concurrent resolution of the Congress.

News For Veterans

More psychiatrists are needed for Veterans Administration mental hygiene clinics to prevent expensive hospitalization for the increasing load of service-connected psychiatric cases, VA announced.

VA said its mental hygiene clinics are able to treat certain types of psychiatric cases at a cost 70 to 80 per cent below that of hospitalization in even the most economically operated hospitals.

As a result VA estimates its clinics now save more than \$2,000,000 a year in money that would be required if the clinic cases had to be hospitalized.

Service-connected cases are the only group of veterans entitled to both outpatient clinic care and hospitalization; and approximately 500,000 veterans are service-connected for psychiatric and neurologic disabilities. By treating more of this load in clinics, the need for expensive hospitalization among the service-connected psychiatric cases may be reduced proportionately VA said.

Moreover, these clinics enable VA to shorten the hospitalization of service-connected cases whose hospital treatment can be completed on an outpatient basis.

Another advantage of the clinic program, VA said, is that it permits the treatment of service-connected veterans in or near their home communities without loss of time from work. This is of particular value to veterans and their families VA said.

VA said it has openings for psy-



Smoker Says

There are many things to do in the garden in June such as take up, divide and transplant blue flag or bearded iris, Jonquils and daffodils, tulips and Dutch iris. Also prune and stake and tie dahlias and tomatoes - mulch these crops if you want to eliminate some of the problems of cultivation.

Sidewalk sweet corn with nitrate of soda when it gets knee-high. Give your lawn a topdressing of nitrate of soda just before a rain or water it in with a hose. And while we are on the subject of water, during the summer heat most horticultural plants should be supplied with approximately one inch of water a week either by rain or irrigation. The quality of vegetables will be seriously affected unless they receive sufficient water at the critical periods.

It is also time in June or early July to sow seed of tomatoes, collards and broccoli for the fall crop. Use a wilt-resistant variety of tomatoes such as Homestead or Southland or Jefferson. Fall tomatoes will not be successful if your soil is infested with rootknot nematodes. Although many people plant collard seed in the spring and grow large plants, the most tender collards are those seeded in July and

chickens who prefer to work with out-patients or who are interested in organizing or administering mental hygiene clinics. In addition, VA needs chiefs for clinics in Cincinnati, Ohio; Huntington, W. Va.; Louisville, Ky.; Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Columbus, Ohio; Little Rock, Ark.; Wichita, Kansas, and Des Moines, Iowa.



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August. The plants are not as large when cold weather comes by, the quality is much better.

Green sprouting broccoli has become very popular - especially for freezing. Seed should be planted in late July or early August in order that the main crop of buds will mature before heavy freezes occur. The plant will withstand some frost but is sometimes severely damaged. Decico is a good variety for North Carolina.

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