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TODAY'S THOUGHT

"We require from buildings, as from men, two kinds of goodness: first, the doing of their practical duty well: then that they be graceful and pleasing in doing it; which last is itself another form of duty."
—Ruskin.

Stopping School

This editorial is directed to a group of boys and girls who will probably never see it. A few will, but many will not. It is directed to those boys and girls who will not graduate from high school this year and yet intend to stop going to school. It is directed to those who will graduate this year, could go to college and yet will not continue their studies.

This group constitutes a number of boys and girls who believe that there is not so much to school and that they can do just as well out in the world with the limited amount of education that they now have.

It's impossible to advance members of this group ten or fifteen years and let them see what a mistake they are making. It wouldn't do much good to let them talk with older people who have made the same mistake that they are about to make because they believe that they are the exception to the rule and that the old world is not such a hard place to conquer after all.

Boys who decide to stop school ahead of their time are generally those who want to hear money jingle in their pockets and want to hang around the business district with the money to buy a cold drink or a package of this and that and when they want to. They have the idea that a few dollars a week will do the job that they want to do in a grand style. Then too they can't see how one or two more years of history and math could do so much to help the situation.

Then there is the group that will use Mr. Jones or Mr. Smith as an example of what can be done. Mr. Jones and Mr. Smith don't have much education and look what they have done.

No one can guarantee to boys or girls that a year or two more in school will show extra profit. You can't guarantee things like that. Neither can you put an exact value on the finer things of life. Education and living go hand in hand and if you want to get more real living out of life you are urged to stay in school as long as you can.

It was stated at the beginning of this editorial that the school boys and girls of this county would probably never see it. It is taken for granted that they do not read all the papers that come into their homes, but we were hoping that mother or dad might read it and then try to exert a little influence over their boy or girl who has made plans to stop school ahead of time.

We also know that there are many pupils who will stop school this year because they have to. To them we say—"Even though you are forced to stop school you are not forced to stop your education. Continue to read and study and try to get all you can from life by means of the opportunities that will come your way every day."

Interesting

Apples and pears are put to sleep with an anesthetic at Cornell University.

The sleep is for storage. The new process promises fresh fruit the year round in some of the great commercial crops. It was described recently by Dr. R. M. Smock, assistant professor of pomology.

The use of anesthesia to make fruit sleep while in cold storage, and so prolong its life and freshness, was described at Cambridge University, England. The discovery was the result of a theory, an example of a plan which existed only on paper, coming through with big results.

This discovery is not so amazing. It is very interesting and we were just wondering if the day would not come when individuals could be put to sleep and thus prolong their lives by the length of time that they were sleeping. This day may come and there will be individuals who will be willing to try. During the recent depression there probably would have been thousands.

The world of tomorrow offers much. Whether it will be better than the world of today is not known.

Should Help

Three changes have been proposed for the marketing of the flue-cured crop for this season. If any of these proposed changes are adopted sales will be retarded and this should help smaller markets like Roxboro and any one should help the farmer get a better price for his crop.

Plan 1.—Under this plan, sales would be conducted on warehouse floors only four days each week which would shorten the selling period by one day each week.

Plan 2.—Each set of buyers would be allowed to buy only 200,000 pounds of tobacco on each day under the present five-day sales week.

Plan 3.—Each set of buyers would buy tobacco during a five-hour period each day during a five-day week.

OUR FELLOW DRIVERS

By O'Daniel



Travelers Safety Service

"I have a right to change my mind,—haven't I?"

With Our Contemporaries

\$8 BADLY SPENT
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Alexander Pope's dictum that "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise" has been vigorously disputed by many in a position to know better. Without reopening the question on its merits, we are prompted by the story of a 16-year-old Mississippi farm girl to pine, during a transitory moment, for that simple world from which she so recently emerged, in which Hitler and Mussolini were names unknown.

Alma Madris went to Memphis on \$8 she had earned chopping wood. Taken in charge by juvenile court authorities, she told them she had never heard of Germany's and Italy's rulers, nor had she ever listened to the radio or talked on the telephone.

It is, of course, problematical how much true bliss there could be in so circumscribed a life as Alma's back on the farm. But there is another side. For it might be fairly said that a young girl who never heard of the axis dictators hasn't missed much. An argument might more readily be started about the phone and radio question.

At any rate never to have heard of the European trouble-makers and what they may mean for us takes shape in the mind's eye as an enforced state of blessedness almost too good to be true. Chopping wood may not be unadulterated bliss, indeed, but it tends to insure sound sleep afterward.

The longer we muse in the forbidden paths, the more are we gripped with fleeting regret that Alma ever took her \$8 and went to Memphis at all, to learn about the world.

SHAVIAN INTERVIEW.
Coronet Magazine

Bob Davis, of the New York Sun, is said to have probably made more friends than any man alive. One of Bob's formulas for friendship is to tell a new acquaintance at parting something that will make his new friend remember the meeting.

As an example, when starting to make a photograph of Bernard Shaw, Davis remarked: "Don't you think, Mr. Shaw, that a man often appears in his picture to be a greater man than he really is?" "That couldn't be true in my case," replied Shaw, "because there is no greater man."

"I was thinking," said Davis, "of Satan." Your countenance from one angle is a bit Mephistophelian."

Shaw blinked and observed: "It would be difficult to get a good likeness of me in a photograph because you can't show my blue eyes."

"But Mr. Shaw, your eyes are not blue," earnestly declared Davis, "they're purple."

"I never knew that before," said G. B. S. Surely he still remembers Bob Davis.

WISE ADVICE
Labor.

There's a world of wisdom in the following paragraph, taken from President Roosevelt's message to a Washington gathering of Young Democrats:

"This country of ours is democratic with a small 'd'. It is never, and never will be Democratic with a big 'D', except when two words mean the same thing."

He insisted that in the coming election only the Democratic party can defeat the Democratic party. "It can commit suicide by abandonment of the policies that brought it to power," he declared.

Those Democrats who wish the party to succeed in 1940 will not quarrel with the President's statement. However, there are a great many Democrats, in and out of Congress, who would rather see the most reactionary Republican in the White House than a Progressive Democrat.

That element will be strong in the next Democratic National Convention. If it prevails, the Republicans will win hands down.

GREETINGS.
Baltimore Evening Sun

A Berlin dispatch states that the old wartime slogan of the Germans—"Gott strafe England!"—has come back into fashion and that it is being used as a greeting in Nazi circles; an alternative, no doubt, to the rather overworked "Heil Hitler!" A dispatch from The Sun's London bureau states that "reports from Prague say Nazis in Czecho-Slovakia now are greeting each other with the phrase 'April 8,' just as on March 6 their greetings began 'March 15'—an illusion to the coup then imminent."

It is a little difficult to imagine any people but the modern Germans greeting each other in this way. The French are a peculiar race, but not that peculiar. When Andre runs into Henri on the street, they don't yell dates at each other, or pronounce a formal curse on Germany. They just say "Bon jour" or "Ca va?"—which is the equivalent of the greeting of a London Cockney's "Ow's it, Bert?"—which, in turn, is not much different from the American's "Hiya, Chum?" or "Morning, Mr. Wilkins."

Once upon a time such pleasant greetings as "Grossgott" and "Wie gehts?" (particularly the latter) had a considerable currency among the genial or convivial even in this country. Such innocent salutations in Germany today probably would be the first step toward a concentration camp. To get the "feel" of present-day Germany, perhaps, we should try greeting each other with "Nuts to the Bund!" "Phooey, Hitler!" and "Fourth of July."

FOR NEWSPAPER SERVICE
DIAL 4501

Large Amount Of Food Distributed By State Agency

The commodity distribution of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare handled almost 15 million pounds more food in the fiscal nine months ended March 31, 1939 than in the same time of the preceding year and with an increased cost to the state of only 20 percent, Arthur E. Langston, State Director of commodity distribution said this week.

An estimated retail value of \$1,303,245.40 was placed on the 22,970,242 pounds of commodities distributed throughout the State in the three quarters of his fiscal year, in comparison with an estimate of \$350,577.06 on the 8,167,650 pounds distributed in nine months of fiscal year 1938.

This represents an increase of 14,802,592 pounds or 181 percent in amount of produce handled or an estimated \$952,668.34 or 272 percent increase in the estimated value of products distributed, Langston said.

While the cost to the state in distributing these commodities to North Carolina's relief clients for nine months of fiscal 1939 was \$28,079.71, it had jumped to only \$33,900.70 for the corresponding period of fiscal 1939, an increase of only 20 percent in the cost of distribution, he pointed out.

The 22 million pounds distributed so far this year would make up 765 freight cars loaded at an average weight of 30,000 pounds each. Since 100 cars would make a longer than average train, Langston pointed out that the amount of food distributed in this state up to the first of April would make for ten seven and a half trains to bring it into North Carolina all in one shipment.

Quantities of food distributed during the nine-month period in round figures of thousands of pounds was as follows: apples, 1,500; dried beans, 940; beets, 203; butter, 1,200; cabbage, 1,150; whole wheat cereal, 363; cheese, 87; graham flour, 640; white flour, 9,525; grapefruit juice, 341; corn meal, 1,207; canned peas, 387; Irish potatoes, 2,178; prunes, 872; raisins, 734; rice, 40; making a total of 22,970,000 pounds.

AAA

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration reports that expenditures, including benefit payments to farmers, totaled \$354,765,575 during the first eight months of the present fiscal year.

Lump Claims For Age Insurance Average \$40.81

The average lump-sum payment of old-age insurance in North Carolina during March was \$40.81. The number of claims certified in North Carolina in March totaled 365, and amounted to 14,895.96.

With 21,670 old-age insurance claims certified in March throughout the United States, lump-sum benefits for the month came to \$1,541,818, or an average of \$71.15. The claims now being paid are filed by insured wage earners who have already reached 65, and by the heirs or estates of those who have died. Claims certified for payment since the system was established January 1, 1937, total 324,813, representing \$15,721,642.

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