

What I Believe About Education; By A County High School Principal

(By a High School Principal of Cleveland County.)

I believe that education furnishes the only means of escape from peasant and political submergence in society, of those who form the masses.

It offers the only machinery for thwarting the encroachment of fantastic philosophies such as that embodied in Communism.

It offers the only means of escape from the life of drudgery and misery common to the conditions accompanying the peasant state mentioned above. In short, education offers the only chance at economic freedom of the masses.

It offers the only means of bringing about a high state of spiritual and cultural development.

Along with the church education offers the only means through which a permanent civilization can be constructed.

Education Not a Luxury. In this temporary and severe economic depression our state seems to be debating the proposition that education is a luxury that is unnecessary, and therefore must be curtailed when it ought to be discussing a program of education that will leave much of the traditional behind, and will fit into the life of the people to a greater degree than ever before.

Rural children will be herded into overcrowded class rooms. Their teachers will be less effective due to additional economic worries and their heavier teaching loads. Yet, those who are able will still

provide for their children by seeking better educational opportunities away from home, because those opportunities have enabled them to gain the best for those whom they love. Our schools are criticized for not meeting the needs of all. We have not yet arrived at the point where we can finance a narrow program of studies much less introduce courses to fit every individual need.

Yet, the schools are judged by scores of standards. A rural high school may barely be able to exist while offering only one course of study. However many boys and girls who will never go to college have to be subjected to instruction in subject matter which may be of little or no value to them, because the course of study must fit the small minority of the enrollment that will go to college. College preparation is hampered by short terms, association with those who pursue the same courses apathetically knowing that they could gain greater benefits from studies better adapted to their interests, and by poorer teaching because of the smaller remuneration received by rural teachers. Instead of criticizing the people and their legislators ought to be studying the defects of the system with a view toward development of a sounder educational system that will function in the best interests of the majority. The present attitude seems to be "kill the child"; he is going to grow up a cripple anyway, and we must save the doctor bills. We are condemning the teachers of North Carolina for being holders of bushels of stocks and bonds, directors of corporations, aristocrats of finance and robbers of the public treasury. It is useless to refute the charge.

School Taxes. The farmers of America form the basis of American civilization. Other groups prosper temporarily by having him at an economic disadvantage, but in the long run the whole well-being of the nation depends upon a happy and stable rural population. The farmer has no right to ask industry to pay his whole bill, but he does have a right to have taxes levied on him according to his income. He also has a right to educational opportunities as suitable to his needs and just as adequate as those enjoyed where wealth is accumulated and concentrated, because most of that wealth has been created from the raw materials furnished by the tiller of the soil and by those who make the earth yield up her virgin wealth. The farmer should not nor does he desire special privilege. He has never had any; hence he does not know how to desire it. However, the very nature of farming precludes the availability of corporate taxable wealth to furnish him with his need in the way of a proper program of education for his children. Yet we have the spectacle of farmers opposing those who espouse doctrines designed for his benefit. They do not constitute a majority of the farming population, but the majority has not yet realized that the minority is joining hands with those who will take away the child's best guarantee of a future free from ignorance and political dependency.

Too Big a Dose. The farmers of Eastern North Carolina had a very fine program had it not been motivated by javic instead of common sense. They have yielded to mob psychology, and are ready to give up schools if necessary to get relief. They did not call for abolition of education except as a last resort, but demanded complete relief from taxes for the constitutional term. They said that those should pay who were able to pay, which is right, but they tried to thrust the whole dose of taxation down the throat of industry, and certain forms of corporate wealth prove to be unwilling to take the whole dose at once. They made the fatal mistake of asking for the

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America Gets Wealthier In 7-Year Period

Worth 361 Billion Dollars. Average Tar Heel Worth Just \$1,777.

New York.—Your Uncle Sam has taken on a little more financial avoirdupois since you last heard from him.

Instead of being worth a mere \$320,000,000.00 as in 1922, he is the happy possessor, as of 1929, of the tidy sum of \$361,000,000.

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And as for per capita—that is you and I—each of us has the neat private fortune of \$2,977 to our credit, which we earned and put away—statistically—in the old stone jug on our average income of \$692 a year.

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The term national wealth represents tangible physical assets only. It excludes credits and securities, but specifically includes land and structure and other improvements thereon, the equipment of industrial enterprises and farms, livestock, railroad and public utilities land and equipment, personal property, motor and other vehicles and such.

In case you live in Nevada, just hold your first place with per capita wealth of \$6,318. But if in Mississippi bring up at the rear with only \$1,242 to the individual.

The per capita of states is given as: Alabama, \$1,264; Arizona, \$3,686; Arkansas, \$1,557; California, \$3,093; Colorado, \$3,418; Connecticut, \$3,890; Delaware, \$3,056; Florida, \$2,029.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY. Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in deed of trust executed by S. R. Anthony and wife, Etta Anthony on the 19th day of October, 1925, and recorded in book 131, page 386, we will on Saturday the

4th day of April, 1931, at 12 o'clock M. at the court house door in Cleveland county, North Carolina, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following land to-wit:

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situated, lying and being in No. 4 township, Cleveland county, North Carolina in the west edge of the town of Grover, N. C. and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a stone, C. F. Harry's corner, thence with his line N. 3 E. 35.40 poles to a stone, Bell's corner, thence with his 3 lines, viz. S. 77 W. 4.36 poles to a stone, thence N. 4 E. 3.36 poles to a stone, C. F. Harry's corner, thence with his line N. 3 E. 2.24 poles to a stone, his corner; thence with his line S. 47 E. 14.82 poles to a stone, R. G. Adams corner; thence with his line N. 3 E. 11.24 poles to a stone, G. W. Green's corner; thence with his several lines, viz. S. 78 W. 21 poles to a stone, thence N. 88 W. 18 poles to a stone, thence S. 34 W. 11.76 poles to a stake in a branch, thence N. 27 W. 31.02 poles to a stone, thence N. 39 1/4 W. 128.60 poles to a stake in a branch; thence with the branch S. 32 1/2 W. 50 poles to a stake in a branch, thence S. 2 W. 14.16 poles to a stone, thence N. 1 pole to a stone, thence S. 18 W. 12 poles to a stone, Hardin's corner; thence with his line S. 24 E. 24 poles to a stone, C. F. Harry's corner; thence with his line S. 87 E. 122.40 poles to the place of beginning, containing 51 acres, more or less. Reference is made to the following deeds: C. A. Turner to S. R. Anthony, dated February 1, 1913, recorded in book 100, page 187; G. W. Green and wife, to S. R. Anthony, dated December 6, 1918 recorded in book 100, page 628; R. G. Adams and wife to S. R. Anthony, dated October 18, 1917, recorded in book 100, page 197 of the Cleveland county registry.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of S. R. Anthony and wife, Etta Anthony to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust. A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the time of sale.

This 17th day of February, 1931, FIRST NATIONAL COMPANY OF DURHAM, INC., First National Trust Company, Durham, N. C., W. G. Bramham and T. Bland, Receivers for First National Company of Durham, Inc., Trustee, formerly First National Trust Company, Durham, N. C. Chas. A. Burnett, Atty.

WEEK - END EXCURSION FARES FROM: SHELBY TO

Charlotte ----- \$2.30
Wilmington ----- \$10.45
Raleigh ----- \$9.80
Richmond ----- \$14.55
Washington ----- \$18.70
Columbia ----- \$7.15
Savannah ----- \$12.05
Jacksonville ----- \$18.80

And all points in Southeast east of Mississippi River.

Tickets on sale each Friday and Saturday and for Sunday Forenoon trains during period March 27-Oct. 25. Tickets limited to reach original starting point prior to midnight of Tuesday immediately following date of sale. Stopovers will be permitted at all points and tickets will be good in sleeping cars on payment of pullman fare.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Eddie McSwain late of Cleveland county, North Carolina this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to me properly proven on or before the 26th day of February, 1932, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery thereof. All persons owing the said estate will please make immediate settlement to the undersigned. This Feb. 25th, 1931. THURSTON McSWAIN, R-1, Blackburg, S. C., administrator of Eddie McSwain.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Having qualified as the administrator of the estate of Mrs. L. C. P. Hamrick deceased, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Shelby, N. C., on or before the 27th day of February, 1932, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This February 25th, 1931. P. G. HAMRICK and MRS. P. O. WEAVER, Administrators of the Estate of Mrs. L. C. P. Hamrick deceased. Jno P. Mull, Atty. 6t Feb 27c

Mooresboro Route 2 Items Of Interest

Webb Greene Dies in Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Kiser Move Personal News.

(Special to The Star.) Mooresboro, Mar. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. James Kiser moved last Thursday into the Martin house in Mooresboro. We are glad to have one

near us. Mr. Kiser is the capable principal of Mooresboro high school. Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McCardwell spent Wednesday in Charlotte. They also spent the week end at Yellow Gap in the mountains.

We are glad to note that Miss Ruby Greene is rapidly improving from a serious illness. Mr. Ted Morehead of Philadelphia is visiting friends and relatives here for two weeks. Mrs. Ina Morehead a teacher in

Charlotte high school spent the week end with her aunt Mrs. M. G. Martin. Misses Oeta Scruggs and Julia Renfro spent Saturday in Charlotte. The many friends of Mr. Webb Greene, will be sorry to learn of his recent death in Duncan, Okla. Mr. Green has been a constant visitor every year, until about two years ago, his health failed and he hasn't been back to his old home since. He was buried in Duncan, Okla.

Easter Services At Episcopal Church

There will be service and preaching at the Church of the Redeemer, Shelby, on Sunday, March 29th at 11 o'clock. Class for adults at 10. Rev. J. B. Bill, of Rutherfordton, is priest in charge.

There will be Easter services on Easter day, April 5th, hours to be announced.

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Round trip week end excursion fares on sale to many points in the Southeastern states. Tickets on sale on each Friday, Saturday and forenoon trains Sundays March 27th, to October 25th 1931. One fare plus 1-5 fare for the round trip. Limit midnight following Tuesday. (Minimum excursion fare 50 cents.)

SUNDAY EXCURSION FARES Effective Sunday March 29th, to Sunday October 25th 1931 the Southern Railway will sell Sunday excursion tickets between all stations on the Southern Railway Lines where the onway fare is not less than 13 cents nor more than \$3.60 on basis approximately one cent (1c) per mile in each direction for the round trip tickets on sale Sunday morning trains scheduled to leave prior to noon limit returning to starting point prior to midnight date of sale. (Tickets good in coaches only.)

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