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BACK TO SCHOOL

Summer play days are almost over. Our public schools in the county reopen on Wednesday next. Some boys and girls may not like the routine, but the vast majority accept school with an eager spirit, convinced by their parents that education after all opens the door of opportunity and offers a better and happier way to life for those who take advantage of it.

Increased enrollment in the schools here and in other communities throughout the conuty and State, as well as the nation as a whole, augurs well for the future. For through education alone can our nation hope to attain its high destiny and bring to all its citizens the complete and satisfactory life.

There are those, of course, who point the finger of cautic criticism at our present day education. They tell us that students fritter away their time in non-essentials, that they are more interested in sports than in studies, that activities and play dominate the thought of the school. They tell us that high school and college students are superficial, that they are not taught to think for themselves, that education is a colossal waste.

No doubt these people can find incidents and conditions to support their arguments, but still we do not agree. The American people as a whole have not fallen for any of the strange delusions that disturb the rest of the world, they have retained their fundamental institutions and they have acted with good judgment in every severe crisis. In explaining this some credit should be given to the American system of universal education.

If the need for education has been pronounced from the time when our Republic was founded, the need is far greater today. Modern society presents a multitude of perplexing problems and situations which can be solved only by a literate and intelligent citizenry.

In spite of all its short comings, therefore, we must recognize both the vital service rendered and the great future promise offered by a system which grants to every child the right to a thorough intellectual training.

TEACHERS WARNED NOT TO STRAY

"Exchange of secondary school teachers between the United States and the other American Republics is limited at the present time, John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, announced recently. He puts a crimp in this idea of exchanging teachers. "At the present time no general interchange of secondary school teachers between the United States and the other American Republics appears to be feasible", he says, and cautions that a program of exchanges "should and will take place in the future, but these exchanges will need to be worked out carefully beforehand by the proper authorities in the United States and in the other Republics". He adds: "Until such time as a plan can be worked out and announced, teachers both in the United States and in the other Republics should know that such opportunities are quite limited".

There are less than 5 millions aliens in the United States at the present time. The Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice recently referred to growing discrimination against these aliens, which makes it "more and more difficult to get work, despite the catapulting needs of the defense industry". The Naturalization Service expresses its desire to help these people and states: "We cannot afford to have in our beloved country any distinct group, either foreign or native-born, which feels that it is somewhat set apart. . . Aliens who wish to fit into our political and social life and whose loyalty and sympathy are clearly established should be given every encouragement that we would give one of our own."

There wasn't any talk about aluminum in the last war and the greater part of this war can be run without it--but it is a preferable material for certain defense machines; so housewives didn't object to throwing in their pots and pans.

Defense production has attained terrific speed and the OPM in Washington is simply crying for more so that there will not be less.

THE OIL QUESTION

By J. E. Jones

Washington, D. C., August 25---There are still more than 200 tankers transporting oil from the Gulf and Caribbean to the Eastern seaboard, and so far the figures do not show either a shortage of oil or a shortage of transportation. Fifty tankers were transferred to Great Britian, and then Harold Ickes began his noise. The principal "surplus" is in proclamations from the Oil Administration calling for slower speeds, gradual acceleration, deceleration, elimination of unnecessary use of motor vehicles, elimination of idling of motors, checking carburetors and ignition systems, jack-rabbit starting, gasoline curfews, etc. The Petroleum Coordinator is accused of "haranguing the public with threats of oil rationing" by the Washington Post.

All of the oil companies have bowed to Mr. Ickes' orders. Eleven big concerns have made a volunteer offer to build a new 1,820-mile pipeline system, the longest in the world with a capacity to deliver 250,000 barrels of fuel oil daily from the oil fields to the Eastern seaboard. They will furnish 70 to 80 million dollars for this privately owned National Defense pipeline.

Some weeks ago this Letter contained an account of a major pipeline already scheduled for construction, to form a link from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Greensboro, North Carolina, with spur lines in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.

Pipelines would meet any shortage that may threaten the future, and according to the news reports it will be possible to put them in operation within 9 to 10 months. Mr. Ickes is reported to have said this would not be soon enough to be a factor in solving the immediate problem caused by lack of transportation facilities in the East. Mr. Ickes must have noticed that his predictions are not generally accepted by public opinion.

On the other hand no one doubts for a minute but what the 11 big oil companies will meet the challenge, if given a chance to do so.

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All Men Kept In The Army

The Congress of the United States has extended the term of service of all men in the Army a year and a half. The new legislation declares that "the national interest is imperilled". All men in the Army will receive $10 a month increase in pay after the first year.

There was a hard, close fight, in both branches of Congress over the question of extending the period of service, and the results show Congress to be in agreement with the Administration, therefore the service men and the Nation will approve the final decision.

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Frozen Funds

In April last year the United States Government froze 267 million dollars of funds in the United States that belonged to Norway and Denmark. That was the beginning of "freezing-which was a plan to keep the funds of the invaded countries from being used by Germany and others.

Today these foreign funds amount to more than 7¼ billion dollars. Perhaps you may have forgotten some of those nations that were stormed and crushed by Hitler. Those unfortunate nations that are being defended by the United States are Denmark, Luxembourg, Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Hungary, Austria, Poland, Czechslovakia, Finland, Portugal, China, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania.

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To Save Small Business

Editor Joseph Martin of Massachusetts, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and Congressman from his State, says that small businesses comprise 99 percent of all business and handle 65 per cent of the nation's commerce. He thinks the small fellows are "getting the worst of it" in the awards of defense contracts, and he has declared a campaign to force the Government to adopt measuers to save small business men from being plowed under.

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"Subterfuge"

A lot of legislation before Congress is being promoted to a subterfuge under claims for National Defense. These issues include the St. Lawrence seaway, the Florida ship canal, excessive highway appropriations, and other questionable undertakings -- questionable because they are straight-out proposals that have nothing to do with National Defense.

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Jobs Plentiful

According to the Works Progress Administration 4 million new jobs were created during the past year. Employment is almost normal throughout the country.

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CALLS FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION BY MOTORISTS IN SAVING LIVES

"Extreme satisfaction" is voiced by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor over the report of his Maryland Traffic Safety Commission showing the State during the month of July than for July 1940.

The no. of deaths reported, 33, reflected a reduction of about 30% over July, 1940, and an ever sharper reduction of 36½% over the preceding month of June.

"It is extremely gratifying to note", declared Governor O'Conor, "that the motoring public seems to have responded generally during July to the many appeals for safer driving that have been issued by the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission and other agencies.

"Undoubtedly, a number of factors have contributed to the savings of lives, in addition to the increased cooperation of the motorists and pedestrians. Stricter enforcement of the motor vehicles laws, especially those relating to excessive speeds, and the institution by Motor Vehicle Commissioner Elgin, at the suggestion of the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission, of a policy of license revocation for serious traffic offenses, have helped greatly to impress upon motorists that in their own interest ,as well as for the safety of others, they must obey the laws.

"I sincerely hope that our Maryland drivers, and the many thousands of visiting drivers now here for defense work, will continue to realize the importance of safer driving in the matter of saving the lives of our residents".

More than one-half the counties of the State - - 12, to be exact - - had the satisfaction of reporting no deaths for the month. This Honor Roll includes, Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot and Wicomico.

Four Counties -- Howard, Harford, Baltimore and Prince Georges contributed the greater portion of the deaths with 8, 5, 4, and 3, respectively.

CARE IN HANDLING HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS URGED

The Keystone Automobile Club, upon request of hospital authorities, has re-issued a bulletin urging motorists who are inexperienced in "first aid" methods to be extremely careful in the handling of highway accident victims.

Well-intentioned motorists, it is pointed out, often aggravate injuries in their laudible, but unskilled, efforts to render assistance.

The best practise, according to medical authorities, is, in the case of broken bones, to make the patient as comfortable as possible at the scene of the accident and await the arrival of doctor or ambulance. In cases of bleeding, the "Good Samaritins" should apply a tourniquet before taking a patient to a hospital.

"The natural impulse of those who are first to reach highway accident victims is to get the patients to a hospital or doctor with utmost haste", said Edward P. Curran, Keystone Safety Director. "However, the well-intentioned motorist may, by in-experienced handling, change a simple fracture of arm or leg into a more serious injury. In frenzied haste to reach doctor or hospital, improvised ambulances frequently are involved in accidents through disregard of traffic regulations, in some cases causing additional injury or even death to the original victims.

"It is imporant, therefore, that utmost care be taken both in the handling of the injured and in transporting them from scene of accident Lives can be saved and injuries minimized if proper precautions are observed."

FUNDS ALLOTED TO FAIR RENT BODY

In order to assist in every way in the work of the Fair Rent Committee recently appointed to work with the Maryland State Council of Defense, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor has made available from State funds an amount sufficient to cover office rent and all expenses of the Committee.

Since the emergency developed there have been numerous complaints, particularly in Baltimore City, all being unjustified rent increases, and the Fair Rent Committee will undertake to try to correct this situation in the interest of defense progress.

Perk up your furnishings and eyes with I.E.S. Lamps

Dollars to doughnuts you have that refurnishing gleam in your eyes and you're itching to do a "face-lifting" operation on your home. As an expert in one phase of decoration, we urge you to include I.E.S. lamps in your plans. For, these famous Sight-Saving lamps will perk up your furnishings—old or new—as well as your eyes. Many types from which to choose, including floor, bridge, end table and study desk models.

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LACK OF SCHOOLS IN HARFORD COUNTY

More than 1,000 defense workers' children will be barred from Harford county public school this fall because of inadequate facilities, P. T. Baker, president of the Board of School Commissioners, states.

Even approval of a request for $540,000 in Federal funds with which to construct new county schools will not make space available for the children, he stated. The new schools, he pointed out, would not be completed until fall of next year.

The children who face a year without schooling are the sons and daughters of defense workers moving into three housing developments at Havre de Grace, Aberdeen and Edgewood.

Cuba's First Minister

The portrait of Gonzalo de Quesada, Cuban patriot, author and diplomat, is introduced to philately on Cuba's commemorative issue marking the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Pan American Union.

Quesada was an active leader in early efforts to bind the republics of the Western hemisphere more closely together, attended three Pan American conferences. He was secretary to Argentina's delegate in the 1890 conference of American states, where the Pan American Union was born, was Cuba's delegate to the Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro meetings.

During Cuba's struggle for independence, Quesada represented the revolutionary government at Washington, was instrumental in winning U. S. recognition of the republic. He later became the island's first minister to Washington.

New East-West Railroad

Although railroads have lagged behind airways in South American transport, construction of the new transcontinental line from Santos, Brazil, to Arica, Chile, opens vast productive areas of the interior to settlement and development.

As early as 1890, an intercontinental system from U. S. to Argentina and Chile was proposed, and the 10,227-mile route surveyed but the line has never been completed.

In 1925 Argentina, Chile, Bolivia and Peru were linked by rail, but this route is not direct. The shorter Transandine line, from Valparaiso, Chile, to Buenos Aires, Argentine, was damaged by flood several years ago and reconstruction has been delayed.

Puppet Government

Napoleon, in the only peace he ever made with Great Britain—that of Amiens—sought the surrender of French exiles. The demand was indignantly repelled. To give up these men to certain death "would be," said Charles James Fox, "the worst and basest act I am capable of conceiving." But such an act came easy to the puppet government of Vichy which, in relation to Hitler, has no will but the will to obey.

We can retaliate faster than the Japs do. You see, we use a typewriter, and they have to move transports.

Prejdice is what ails people who think you are an enemy if you won't be as unreasonable as they are.

WOMEN'S STOCKINGS

To wear or not to wear! That question has been met by thousands of women in every city in the nation who have stood in line in the principal stores in the country waiting to buy silk stockings. The excitement in the National Capital was second only to the alleged shortage of gasoline. The women of Washington were no different from the women of other cities in their willingness to contribute their pots, pans and kettles to the LaGuardia aluminum collections.

Our women have all gone right to bat on every proposition of the war, but if there was any differences of opinion among them it was all wiped out by the closing of the silk mills. And now there are "runs" in stockings.

SIXTY-DAY DUCK HUNTING LAW

A 60-day duck hunting season was proclaimed by Secretary of the Interior Ickes, starting November 2 in Southern States. Maryland is included in the Southern classiification.

In issuing 1941 regulations for hunting migratory game birds, Ickes left unchanged the 60-day season and the 10-a-day bag limit of last year, retained the prohibition against use of bait or live decoys but added a clause forbidding the taking of water fowl by using cattle, horses or mules as blinds.

As in recent years, hunters must plug repeating and automatic shotguns to a limit of three shells and must not use guns larger than 10 gauge. Hunting with bows and arrows is still permissable. Shooting hours remain the same, sunrise to 4 p. m.

A drastic reduction was ordered in the shooting season for mouring doves, because, Ickes said, the number of these birds was found to be "decidely unsatisfactory". Whereas the season in some areas ran as long as seventy-seven days, this year's season was reduced to a maximum of forty-two days.

Other major changes from last year included:

A closed season on Wilson snipe, commonly known as jacksnipe.

A ten-a-day limit on canvasback and ruddy ducks, formerly limited to three a day.

"What kind of peace is going to come out of this war?" That is the question often heard even when the Battle of the Atlantic was at its height and even oftner now that the war in Russia is reaching a decisive point.

It is an interesting question. But possibly Prime Minister Churchill's answer is best—the time to talk of peace is when the war is won. Right now the war effort demands all thought and action.

An allied victory means survival. What-ever the terms of peace, we know that they will be infinitely better if dictated by Britian, the United States, Russia and the conquered nations than if dictated by Hitler.

Bread and milk are plentiful, and so are lamb chops, meat, beef steaks and fresh fish. Oh boy, there never was such corn as we have this year.

"Some people cannot read without moving their lips".—Time. Judging by the effect on books, they also use their teeth and feet.

REGULATING INSTALLMENT BUYING

The Federal Reserve System has been ordered by the President to "investigate, regulate and prohibit" installment buying and installment loans, Chairman Marriner S. Eccles is given power to regulate terms of consumer credit. Eccles indicates that the order will "dampen the demand" for automobiles, refrigerators, vacum cleaners, washing machines, ironers and other goods. Household furniture ranks second in the amount of sales made on the installment plan.

The principal reason assigned for this ban on installment sales is to escape inflation. The President says his order will help National Defense, curb price advances and profiteering, promote the accumulation of savings, and create a backlog of demand for consumers durable goods.

Mr. Eccles now seeks to put a crimp in installment sales of automobiles, while another official Leon Henderson, proposes to cut down the production of motor cars 20 per cent to 50 per cent. Most automobiles have been bought on the installment plan.

The automobile manufacturers are all participating 100 per cent in National Defense and are not raising a finger of opposition to any of the Administration plans that are likely to retard progress in the motor industry.

ELIMINATING FRAUDULENT CLAIMS

Continuing its efforts to eliminate fraudulent claims for unemployment benefits the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Board has recently brought about the sentencing of another offender for a two-months' term in the Dorchester County jail. The offender in this case undertook to collect benefits while he was regularly employed.

"The law covering such offense is plain", declared S. C. Cromwell, Director of the Board's Unemployment Compensation Division, "and every effort is promptly made to put the offender behind the bars---where a considerable number have already landed".

Through systematic work the Board has recovered more than $50,000 paid on claims irregularly or unlawfully presented and action along this line proceeds steadily. Overpayments of benefits have occassionally been made through error and these are corrected as speedily as possible, but most important of all, Mr. Cromwell said, is the prosecution of those who try to make a racket of the unemployment compensation system.

We are one country—until some self-righteous Mr. Fixit from another State tries to tell us how to behave.

Divide the wealth and the smart will soon have it again. Our only hope is to divide brains, health and training.

The law of compensation never fails. When the honeymoon is over, they quit catching one another's colds.

Let's not depend too much on size There are six islands bigger than Great Britian.