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### EDITORIALS

#### THE SCHOOL TEACHER

After the costs of living have been deducted and the taxes paid, it appears that school teachers throughout the country are in just about the position they were in 1939, when their annual income averaged \$1,447. It is true that teacher has had small increases in pay—but where the shoe pinches is found in the fact that these increases have not been as large as the increases in living costs. So, the men and women who teach your children have real troubles.

#### PAVING POCKETS AND PAVING HIGHWAYS

More often than not, agitation for higher road taxes is a device for paving pockets as well as highways. This has been evident in several States during the current legislative sessions where certain interests that stand to acquire lucrative financial gains, through limitless highway spending have been as busy as the proverbial bee.

In the 45 legislatures which have convened in regular session this year some 65 bills have been introduced that would impose upon the Nation's highway users an additional tax burden through increasing State levies on motor fuel. With but few exceptions, the proposed legislation has been ostensibly designed to furnish additional millions of dollars for alleged highway requirements.

True, many requests for road construction and improvement are predicated on sincere motives and should be granted with the least possible delay. After years of war during which all but essential repairs were let to slide, it is only natural that there are many sections of the country's highway system on which money can be judiciously spent. But, although it has been established and re-established that every State has

## Sports Spotlight

The Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn.

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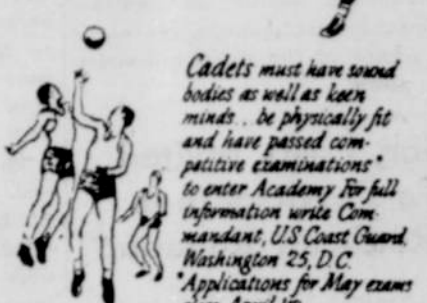
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ample funds to meet these and other requirements, there are those who would capitalize on this situation for purely selfish reasons.

Out of the legitimate requests for repairs and improvements has grown what amounts to this day's most serious threat to the future of motorized transportation. In the deft hands of skilled promotional groups the desire of the citizenry for adequate roads is magnified and twisted into a nation-wide clamor for endless ribbons of concrete through every farm and pasture—regardless of cost so bulwarked, the road enthusiasts tell us that we can't have more roads unless more revenues are raised from the motorist taxpayers. When questioned, they reply glibly that this is "exactly what the people want."

Nothing could be further from the truth. What the people want is more roads for their money, not more money for roads.

With two or three times more money available for roads than in prewar years the demand for more road money is at odds with the swing towards reduced prices. President Truman as asked for an overall reduction in prices and throughout the nation civic groups, businesses, and individuals are setting plans in motion to accomplish this objective.

What the advocates of higher road taxes for higher priced roads do

along this line will be interesting to watch. The motorist-taxpayers will be justifiably interested for they are their chief targets. They have paid a staggering bill. Now they want roads.

#### STRIKES HAVE LOST POPULARITY

The pessimists are predicting a new coal miners strike on July 1. That does not seem to be a reasonable opinion, in view of the fact that coal strikes are a habit of John L. Lewis—and he has been tamed a lot. Some time within the next few months John L. might "strike out." His style of ordering the miners away from their work has had its day—and so has John L. He has lost a lot of his charm with coal mine workers.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY PARTY—

Members of the Church of Christ Young People's class spent an enjoyable time last Sunday evening when they had a party and made future plans for coming events. They then had their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Les Bigham is advisor for this group.

## Red Cross Supplying Help in Texas City

Extensive emergency relief needs on the scene of the Texas City, Texas, blasts are being met by the full resources of the American National Red Cross, according to a report received here today from Pacific Area Headquarters in San Francisco by Seth M. Bullis, Chairman of Jackson County Chapter.

The report stated that Red Cross has established 17 emergency feeding stations and shelters where 2,000 persons are being cared for. In addition, eight mobile canteen units serve outlying districts.

Doctors, nurses and trained disaster workers—answering the first Red Cross call—are still hard at work in hospitals, and canteens where they are assisting military and civic authorities in the care of the injured and homeless.

More than 500 nurses have been recruited by the Red Cross. Most of them are volunteers, but 85 nurses are being paid by the Red Cross. Ten of these nurses flew from the Chicago Chapter to assist in caring for the injured.

To meet the need for medical supplies, the Red Cross has flown in 6,000 units of blood plasma, 100 units of whole blood, anti-tetanus serum and nearly 1,000 units of gas gangrene anti-toxin. The organization has purchased thousands of dollars worth of surgical instruments and medical supplies, including such items as penicillin, streptomycin, 100 cases of glucose and 1,000 coramine ampules.

Other supplies purchased by the Red Cross include embalmers' fluid and dozens of heavy gloves to be used in handling bodies.

The Red Cross, through cooperation with the U.S. Surgeon General, was

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U.S. Treasury Department

the Red Cross for the hundreds of homeless at nearby Ellington Field, Fort Crockett, and other Army installations at Houston. Army field kitchens are operating in conjunction with Red Cross canteens.

Red Cross headquarters has been set up in the Texas City Chamber of Commerce Building, out of which a national staff of 42 persons operates under Maurice Reddy, one of the nation's most experienced disaster workers.

Emergency relief operations are expected to continue in the gutted town for several more weeks, according to the report. After the emergency phase has ended, Red Cross will continue to play a major role in the rehabilitation of families, the re-building of homes and the reshaping of community life.

Present relief operations are being financed through an initial appropriation of \$250,000, which Red Cross set aside shortly after it was designated official relief agency for the disaster area by Texas' Governor Beauford Jester.

One of the major tasks of Red Cross is handling the thousands of welfare inquiries which are pouring into Texas from Red Cross chapters throughout the nation.

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The Red Cross report stated that cots, tents and other supplies from disaster stockpiles at Houston and Galveston are being utilized in Texas City. All facilities of the Army, Navy and Coast Guard have been placed at the disposal of Red Cross to facilitate relief operations.

General J. R. Sheets of the Fourth Army has made housing available to

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