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### Valuable Citizen Leaves

Isaac Duncan left North Wilkesboro few days ago to accept a position in St. Louis, Mo., and it is with a feeling of regret that we record his leaving.

If you consider every young man in North Wilkesboro carefully you could not find one whose services will be missed more than his among the boys—future citizens—of the city and community.

Isaac did wonderful work among the Boy Scouts here. He was sold on the value of Scouting. He knew his subject and he was able to keep interest among the Scouts to a high intensity. Under his leadership they accomplished things. They advanced in practical and moral training.

His work as a first aid instructor for the Red Cross was also valuable. He led in this type of work for the Wilkes county chapter and helped to train many others.

This may read like an obituary notice but it is far from that. We are glad to be able to point out the good work of a local citizen and regret that he is leaving our city.

### "Isms" And Horseless Carriages

If all the statements made by the advocates of "ism" systems were as true as they are arrogant, representative democracy would be a very feeble and ineffective way of life by comparison. And, gravely enough, there are some people who, appalled by the roughshod victories, totalitarianism has lately won, are half willing to accept such a belief.

For such folk an analogy in a recent book by H. O. Overstreet should be required reading.

Mr. Overstreet points out that the growth of our representative system of government might be likened to the development of the automobile. In the early days of the "motor car" there were people who doubted its effectiveness, and shouted "Get a horse!" Then, as later improvements proved its worth, there were others who were quite sure that it had reached a stage of near-perfection. But constant trial, constant effort, have made the automobile better each year.

Similarly, the author observes, there are those who look at government that depend on such gradual progress and who shout, "Get a leader!" They feel that if one man is allowed to make all the decisions, a better product will result than if many people are allowed to contribute their ideas.

Not merely the analogy of the automobile, but the whole gradual but tremendous development of our American habit of life, denies the "isms" approach. Constant testing, constant open-mindedness, a willingness to listen to the ideas of others—these are the ways a better product is made. It is the way, too, that the most desirable—and in the long run the most effective—kind of government can be built.

### Big Job

The question of government price control has been much in the headlines of late. The problem of just how far the government will eventually have to go to keep prices within justifiable bounds, remains unsolved. In the meantime, important voluntary price control action has been taken by the retail industry.

Retailers in all lines long ago realized the danger of price inflation resulting from war abroad, with its dislocating effect on world economy, and our unprecedented defense program at home which is releasing billions of dollars in a relatively short period of time. So they decided to do all they could to keep prices in line. They pledged themselves to fight profiteering. They pledged themselves to make further efforts to reduce overhead costs and narrow marketing spreads. They pledged

themselves to refrain from "bare advertising." They pledged themselves to buy normal, so as to not unnecessarily disturb the wholesale markets. They pledged themselves to inform consumers of true conditions, in order to prevent hysterical buying.

You can see the fruits of this wise policy today. The cost of necessities has generally risen very little, and nothing resembling a price inflation has appeared. The cost of distribution continues to go down, and the producer continues to receive a rising proportion of the final selling price of his products. In short, the American standard of living is being maintained during a time when the standard of living of other nations has dropped to rock-bottom.

Your retailer is doing a big job in your interest. He's working harder than ever to help make your dollar buy as much as possible. That job deserves national recognition.

### Average Life Lengthened

Outside a famous Southern city there is an old cemetery where the dead of long-past generations lie buried. There are 1,396 graves in that cemetery—and in only four cases were the persons buried there more than 45 years old at the time of death. In other words, only one-fifth of one per cent of them reached what in these modern times is regarded as the prime of life.

There could be no more graphic illustration of what American medicine and American medical science have done for the health of America. One hundred and fifty years ago the life expectancy of man in the United States was 35 years. Today it is 62 years.

That has been the result of endless striving, under a free system of medicine which gives every doctor, ever scientist, the chance to achieve to the very utmost of his abilities and energies. Researchers in great laboratories—specialists in big cities—country doctors in villages and hamlets—all have contributed. They have spent their lives working to make the lives of others longer, fuller, happier.

In those hundred and fifty years typhoid fever has almost disappeared; smallpox has been subdued; diphtheria has been practically conquered; tuberculosis has been robbed of much of its terror. The monument to American medicine is written in the standards of health of the American people—standards which are not equaled anywhere else on earth.

### Borrowed Comment

#### AN EXCELLENT CHOICE

(Winston-Salem Journal)

Governor Broughton hardly could have made a happier choice than Major A. L. Fletcher in naming a chairman for the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Major Fletcher is especially equipped by natural ability, character, training and wide experience to perform efficiently the duties of his new post.

Educated at Wake Forest and the University of North Carolina, he began his career as a lawyer, then entered newspaper work, being connected at various times with several leading state papers. After a distinguished career of service with the military forces during the World War period he returned to civilian life as attorney for the federal income tax division, later becoming chief of the department.

In 1921 he became connected with the state insurance department. After several years in this department, Major Fletcher was elected state commissioner of labor in 1932 and was re-elected in 1936 without opposition. He resigned in 1938 to become associated with the wage-hour division of the United States Department of Labor.

As state labor commissioner, Major Fletcher was instrumental in securing the passage of labor legislation regarded as being the most liberal of its type in the South. Under his administration great improvement was effected in the enforcement of child labor laws and the relations between industry and the department were placed on a firmer basis of understanding and co-operation.

His long experience in the field of labor, and his training and experience in other fields give Major Fletcher an invaluable background which should be of the highest service to him as chairman of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission. No person in the State knows better than he the whole field of North Carolina labor and its relation to the general economy of the State.

Governor Broughton has made no appointment that seems to be more fitting than the selection of Major Fletcher to head the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

## Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICOLS, et al.

### NEWS ALL CENSORED

A very large number of our readers have asked what has happened to all the news of the impending crisis between Hell's Half Acre and Cutthroat ridge.

Fact of the matter is, the news we have been receiving has been so heavily censored that it is even beneath the class of propaganda.

Either that, or, our correspondents and secretive operators have been too much under the influence of the dominant powers that be in the two territories and all the material coming from them is worse than worthless.

On the other hand, it may be that our informers have been consuming too freely of the liquid corn yield of their disrespectful territories.

After having written four paragraphs we find that we were where we started, which was nowhere.

Nevertheless, we can do like some news commentators, we can say a lot of words which can mean almost anything we want it to. Tomorrow we can say "we told you so," regardless of what happens.

But we promise that great number of our ten readers to bring them up to date on the situation at our earliest possible inconvenience.

### THIS THAT AND THE OTHER

The prospective customer who was told that the car under discussion would pay for itself asked the dealer to deliver it just as soon as it had done that.

The valetictorian who gets a job working for the fellow who dropped out in the eighth grade wonders what kind of a world it is after all.

The teacher had asked the pupils to write a short composition on the subject, "Water." One boy wrote: "Water is a white wet liquid which turns black when you wash in it."

### WHY SO LATE

The train was over half an hour behind schedule when the conductor, passing through a car, was stopped by an indignant woman. "Why is this train so late?" she demanded.

"Well, you see," answered the conductor with a confidential air. "The train before was behind, and we were behind before besides."

Today's electric washing machine, compared to the one manufactured 25 years ago, costs only about one-third as much in terms of the work needed to earn it.

Fruit and grains make making a living at home lose its difficulties; and makes the land fertile. Then we have happy and good people to live near and enrich our lives.

## Ferguson News Items Of Interest

FERGUSON, June 5.—Miss Elizabeth Williams of Philadelphia, who has been visiting her uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dorn for several days returned home last week.

News was received here today by relatives of the sad death of Miss Frances Cranor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Cranor of Wilkesboro.

Prof. O. M. Proffit, principal of the local school, is suffering with a severe case of mumps.

Carl Story and his radio troupe of Hickory, are scheduled to be here the night of June 27th, and will stage a performance at the school building. A good program awaits those who attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Beamer, of Dobson, Surry County have recently moved to our village and will have charge of the new mercantile business established by Mr. Key and Dr. Triplett.

Miss Fannie Welsh was confined to her room for several days last week with illness.

We are advised by the good people of the Little Rock community they are preparing to erect a new brick church in the place of the wooden structure they now have. Mr. Tom Broyles industrialist and manufacturer of Lenoir and a former resident of this community, will be a liberal contributor to this very worthy project. It will be recalled that this is also the home community and church of the venerable Vance McGhinnis, distinguished as a farmer, citizen, churchman and educator.

Mr. Junie James, resident of Ashe county, but formerly a prominent farmer of this community is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Lafayette Matherly was called home some days ago on account of the illness of his mother, Mrs. U. G. Matherly, who is now much improved. Mr. Matherly was in Miami, Fla. during the winter and was employed on a private yacht running the inland water route from Miami to Chicago, when called home.

Mr. Loyd Eller, citizen and farmer of the Long Fork section died last week and was buried at the old family cemetery near his home, Tuesday. The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. J. Foster. Mr. Eller had been seriously ill for some time and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Doshie Walsh, and several brothers and sisters, including Mrs. John German, Mrs. Tom Walsh, Messrs. Greene and Hamp Eller.

Fort Bragg, North Carolina, is the largest field artillery range in the United States. It covers 122,000 acres, is 24 miles long and averages eight miles in width. Fort Bragg will also be North Carolina's third largest city when its garrison strength reaches 72,000 in June.

Use the advertising columns of this paper as your shopping guide.

## Questions

Answered by State Council

Question: What should sulphur dust be applied to control plant diseases?

Answer: Demonstrations conducted by farmers cooperating with the Extension Service last year showed that the first application of 15 pounds of sulphur dust per acre should be made between July 1 and 10. Subsequent applications were made at two-

weeks intervals, with the second application 35 to 40 pounds per acre, the third 30 pounds, and the fourth 30 pounds. Results secured showed an average net profit of \$5.77 per acre in higher yields of nuts and hay.

The continued drought has retarded crops in all parts of the country and has increased the forest fire menace to its most dangerous stage in many years.

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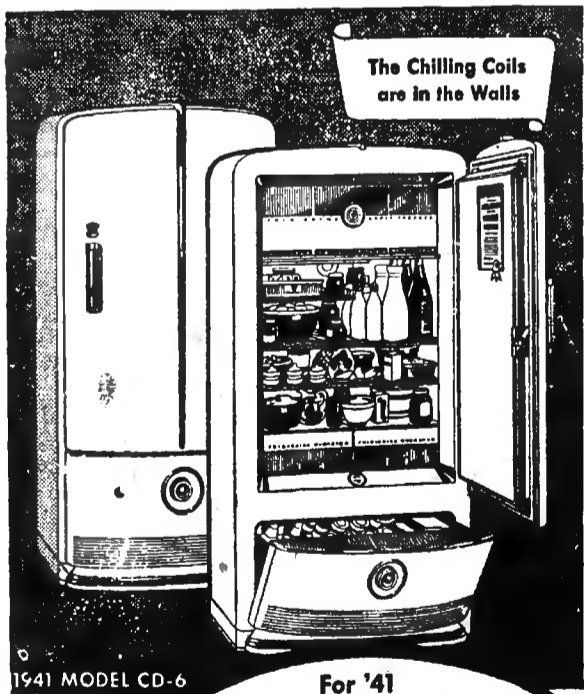
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