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A BUBBLE BURSTS

Although the late Stokes "absentee ballot bubble" was quickly punctured at Raleigh, the Union Republican of Forsyth county continues to bray loud as a jackass in a tin barn in its disappointment.

The Union Republican exercises an imagined suzerainty over Republican political affairs and policies in North Carolina counties.

At the outset of the late campaign in Stokes it ran a cock-and-bull editorial about the terrible John Taylor political machine which it said operated in Stokes county.

But when the election came on the people seemed to disregard the Winston-Salem paper's harrowing "expose" and its sinister innuendoes hinting of heinous practices by the Democrats of Stokes.

The unfrightened people gave a bigger majority than ever before for John Taylor and his associates, whose campaign was largely managed by A. J. Ellington and Gid Mitchell, members of the county board of elections.

This caused the "organ" of Forsyth county to throw more fits. It probably summoned some of its Stokes satellites. There were charges of fraud and irregularities in the use of the absentee ballots, the hoodwinking of voters, etc. "High crimes and misdemeanors" were laid at the door of Ellington and Mitchell.

An indictment to throw these officials out was hatched up. An investigation was demanded before the State board of elections, under whose authority the county board serves.

In boxed features on its front page and in double-barrel editorials, the Union Republican yawned and brayed. It told its readers the State board of elections would swoop down on Danbury for the trial and distressing would be the fate of the accused officials for their nefarious activities.

Over the decision by the State board in favor of the Watauga Republicans, the Union Republican gloated. It propitiated Chairman Lucas of the State board. Its editorials praised him. Extolled him. Lauded him to the skies. Its leading editorial was headed: "Lucas Shows the Way to Honesty."

(We trust the Union Republican's high opinion of Chairman Lucas is still entertained).

Our readers have been apprised of what took place at Raleigh, when the State board unanimously exonerated our two Stokes officials. Nor do we believe it could be unduly chagrined when not only the two Republican members of the State board endorsed the high character and integrity and the innocence of Ellington and Mitchell, but even prominent Republican citizens of Stokes county gave them a vote of confidence, one of them adding in his affidavit that the rank and file of Stokes Republicans did not approve of the fight made on the two Stokes men.

In addition to all of the above there was a vote approving the efficiency of Ellington and Mitchell. Of course this was furnished by the people of Stokes who voted for the candidates they had espoused by a majority of nearly sixteen hundred.

So bursteth the bubble, and so fizzes out the fiasco.

WISHING YOU A VICTORIOUS NEW YEAR— HAPPY TIDINGS FROM THE HOME FRONTS—CHEER AND HOPE FROM THE BOYS WHO ARE FIGHTING.

At this auspicious time when the New Year is dawning, the Reporter does not wish that its friends and readers have had a merry Christmas.

It was not a time for merriment when there are vacant places in so many Stokes county homes.

But we do wish for you a Victorious New Year. And the signs are great and growing greater every day that you will see a Victorious New Year.

On every front the United Nations are winning. Our great armies are marching, and on the land, sea and air the champions of freedom and democracy are showing their superiority over the enemy.

On the glowing pages of history America's sons are writing the story of their deathless deeds.

The way is long and hard yet, but the star of hope and the sunshine of a glorious victory lead our hosts on.

In Russia, 22 divisions of 300,000 Germans are cooped in a pocket from which the Russians say they shall never escape. Great armies of the Soviets are slowly advancing all along the lines. The snows of the immense steppes are dyed with the blood of the invaders. The terrible Russian winter adds its toll to the destroyed remnants of the retreating foe.

At Guadalcanal in the Pacific and at Buna, American and Australian soldiers are driving back the Japanese and slowly breaking their hold on their unholy conquests. Every thrust made by the yellow rats is defeated. The Americans have complete control of the air. Gabriel Heater says jubilantly we "will march into Tokyo and hang Tojo."

In Africa the legions of Eisenhower and Montgomery and the Free French are driving the armies of Rommel into the sea. England and America are in complete control of the air here as in the Solomons. The British announce today that their air forces are now double the size of Germany's and Italy's. This does not include the American air force which daily grows stronger in Europe and in Africa.

American Flying Fortresses are masters of the sky everywhere. In the Pacific the Japs do not dare face them. Their air strength as well as the quality of Jap fighters is greatly weakened and far inferior to America's.

In all the neutral capitals of the world it is now admitted that Hitler is reeling to his eternal fall. It is only a question of time. Many military experts believe the end will come this year. Months ago when the Danbury Reporter predicted Hitler would crack by Easter, 1943, these same authorities said the war would last 3 to 5 years longer.

Watch the amazing growth of the great American armies. Watch the great fleets of battleships and merchant vessels as they splash into the water, new and modern. Hear the roar of the Flying Fortresses as they come off the assembly lines and take to the air.

Great God of Hosts, be with us still lest we forget that Thou art Victory—for the embattled manhood of England and America fighting for truth, justice, righteousness, democracy, Christianity.

THE WORLD'S SAFEST INVESTMENT

The Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem has invested about 70 million dollars in war bonds. The Security Life & Trust Co. of the same city buys one million dollars worth of the securities.

Stokes county people have been very liberal buyers of bonds and stamps, but there are yet many thousands of dollars hoarded. If this money could be brought to the light and put in U. S. bonds and stamps, it would not only insure the owners the greatest safety but would be in-

terest-bearing, and the government would be benefited.

The great banks and insurance companies and millions of corporations, firms and individuals throughout the nation are investing to the limit in the soundest security in the world.

Sixth Registration

The following pertinent information is quoted from a Proclamation of the President of the United States:

"The registration of male citizens of the United States and other male persons, who shall have attained the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth during the periods indicated below, shall take place in the United States between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. on the days hereinafter designated for their registration as follows:

(a) Those who were born on or after July 1, 1942, but not after August 31, 1942, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing FRIDAY, December 11, 1942, and ending THURSDAY, December 24, 1942.

(c) Those who were born on or after November 1, 1942, but not after October 31, 1942, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing FRIDAY, December 18, 1942, and ending THURSDAY, December 24, 1942;

(c) Those who were born on or after November 1, 1924, but not after December 31, 1942, shall be registered on any day during the period commencing SATURDAY, December 26, 1942, and ending THURSDAY, December 31, 1942;

(d) During the continuance of the present war, those who were born on or after January 1, 1925, shall be registered on the day they attain the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth; provided, that if such anniversary falls on a SUNDAY or a legal holiday, their registration shall take place on the day following that is not a SUNDAY or a legal holiday."

The sixth Registration will be held in Stokes county at the Local Board Office, in the County Courthouse at Danbury, N. C. The office will stay open on the days specified above from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. There will be no other place in the county that you may register.

Ann Ray Dyer, aged 15, died at Leaksville Wednesday. She was a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brewer Dyer, of Leaksville and Mrs. Alice Joyce of Walnut Cove.

Christmas At U. S. Naval Training Sta.

J. E. Huffman, formerly of King, now at U. S. Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., writes the Reporter of what a good dinner the boys had Christmas, as follows:

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| Menu | |
| Fruit Cup | |
| Sweet Mixed Pickles | Celery |
| Hearts | |
| Roast Young Tom Turkey | |
| Sausage Stuffing | Giblet Gravy |
| Cranberry Sauce | |
| Buttered Asparagus Tips | |
| Cream Whipped Potatoes | |
| Sliced Tomatoes | |
| Head Lettuce Salad | |
| Mayonnaise Dressing | |
| Mince Meat Pie | |
| Fruit Cake | Assorted Candy |
| Pistachio Ice Cream | |
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| Butter | Coffee |
| Hot Southern Rolls | |
| Cigarettes | Candy |

Huffman writes that this was one of the best cooked meals he ever ate and everyone had all they could stow away. He says the food every day is unusually good and adds that the United States navy is by far the best fed navy in the world.

Frank Martin, who has been working at Jacksonville, N. C., is at home for awhile.



Hints For Motorists

By Joseph R. Rollins
The Atlantic Refining Company

EVEN an inexperienced driver can soon learn to identify the slapping noise in the engine that is caused by a worn piston pin. If the slap is particularly noticeable when the engine is idling, but tends to disappear at higher engine speeds, the strong probabilities are that it is a piston slap.

In view of the fact that defective lighting greatly increases the hazards of night driving, it is a wise precaution to make sure that the lighting system is always in A-1 condition. So small a factor as the age of a light bulb may reduce the effective light by 50 per cent or more. Dirt on the lenses may cause a further appreciable loss of light intensity. Incorrect focusing or faulty direction of the light beam are other possibilities that should be checked by the careful driver.

AT FIRST SIGN OF A
COLD
 USE
666
 666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

FOR SALE—4 room dwelling on Main street. Electric lights and well.
 E. P. NEWSUM, King, N. C.

LOST—One felt mattress off truck between Walnut Cove and Stuart, Va. Finder please write or return to owner and get reward.

POWELL'S STORE
 Stuart, Va.

FOR SALE—Roller Mills, 35-bb. long system mill; complete meal and hammer mill; 30-h.p. Muncy oil engine; 25-bbl. Midget mill, complete meal mill; 25-h.p. Fairbanks-Morse type Y engine.—H. M. Wilhelm, East Bend, N. C.

PIG FOUND—A strange pig came to my house two weeks ago. No one has called for it.
 WILL BOLES
 near Flatshoal.

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 AMERICA AND
 STOKES CO.