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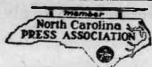
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RUSSIA PURSUES ANCIENT AIMS

There is more trouble ahead for Scandinavia if reports about Russia are correct.

First, there is Moscow's ban on the defense agreement between Norway, Sweden and Finland; then there is the report that Russia will take more of Finland than the Finns expected and the latest is that the Reds will demand free trade ports in Sweden and Norway.

Russia, with one-sixth of the world's land and a fast-growing population that approaches 200,000,000 people, needs no additional territory or population. It is plain that the Soviet is taking advantage of the disorganized condition of the world to take what she thinks she might require.

Russia, according to one observer, wants a port on the Atlantic to avert German domination via the Baltic. She wants land in the south-east to reach the Mediterranean. These are old dreams for the Russians in the days of the Czars and the Bolsheviks follow the beaten path of what they call imperial aggression.

BRITISH ARMY GROWING

An important, but sometimes overlooked, factor in the European situation is the steadily growing army of Great Britain.

When the war began the British army was not very large. Age groups up to 28 years will be completely mobilized by this summer and supplies are being delivered in sufficient quantity to keep up with the expanding army.

Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply is spending nearly \$8,000,000 a day for arms, equipment, supplies and necessary raw materials. Ordnance factories are being trebled. Production of army vehicles has been multiplied fifteen times and 100,000 armored vehicles will be in service by the end of the year.

Along with this prodigious expansion of the army the British are slowly increasing their air force, building merchant ships and naval vessels. Not until the end of 1940, it is believed, will maximum production be attained. By that time the British army will be a factor of great strength in the military situation.

A VOTE FOR BETTER LIVING

Americans who prefer to earn money doing the things they can do best and to buy from their neighbors the things those neighbors make best can without much difficulty understand the ideas behind the Hull trade program.

Mr. Jones knows how to make good shoes at the lowest possible price. Mr. Brown knows how to produce overcoats on the same basis. Each raises his standard of living by exchanging his wares for those of the other. Each would lower it if he insisted on using part of his time in a less efficient attempt to produce for himself the things his neighbor can produce more cheaply for him. It would take an office worker weeks or months to make a piece of furniture that he can buy with half a week's pay, and then he would not have the expert workmanship that he can buy.

This is why trade is essential to a rising standard of living. It is one of the best arguments for extending international trade by the gradual and wise process of the Hull reciprocal trade agreements. For countries, like individuals are not equally endowed with skills or materials.

In adopting the resolution to extend without amendment the Reciprocal trade agreements Act, the Senate has acted in accord with economic facts for the benefit of the Nation as a whole.—Christian Science Monitor.

The way to build business is to make it easy for customers to buy.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Who could have expected the Easter snow to stay long with the hot winds of political debates covering the country.

The unsuccessful candidate — he runs for a seat on the planks of a platform and gets the form of a plank on his seat.

If all the planks of political platforms were built into bridges, bridges would cover the earth.

If he's all smiles, speaks to everyone, is willing to sympathize and help at any time, he's running for something.

Take every political speech with a grain of salt and after elections see your doctor for the remedy for an overdose of salt.

If Roosevelt runs
For another term,
What will become
Of the pachyderm?

All politicians
Placed end to end,
Would reach too high
And back again.

Rare is the breeze that carries no politician's wheeze.

The candidate—When he announces for office, he takes the stump. When he gets in office, he primes the pump.

If political jobs were for sale at a dime a dozen,
We'd none stand a chance but the politicians' cousin.

ENJOY YOUR WORK

While written primarily for farm boys, the following advice is worth the attention of boys in town and city also—not to mention the girls. We quote from the current issue of The Progressive Farmer:

"The first thing is to respect your job on the farm. It may be just a little farm and at times it may get pretty monotonous. But it's important that you do the job well. Little jobs, done well, open up into bigger opportunities surprisingly often. Jesus once told a parable about it. The fellow who had done a little job well heard somebody say: 'Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make the ruler over many things.' That wasn't just a parable, either. Everybody who holds a big job had a little one first, and learned to do it well.

"Hold your shoulders up, and keep your chin up, too. Personal appearance is not just a matter of having shoes that are shined. Your posture, the tilt of your chin, eyes that look interested in people and in farming, the way you walk about, your general demeanor—all combine to show the public whether you take pride in yourself and your farm. It makes a great deal of difference to you, too. No matter what your farming job is, don't look as though you feel apologetic about it. Look as though you are saying to yourself: 'Farming is my work. I do it well.'"

CHANCE TO MAKE A FORTUNE

The mass production of a relatively cheap house, to sell around \$2,500 and to meet the needs of the low income groups, is suggested by Bror Dahlberg, building supply manufacturer of Chicago.

It does seem that private initiative, which has solved all other problems of mankind, might be able to devise ways and means to reduce building costs and thus encourage people to own homes.

The great shortage of homes that exists in this country is not due to any lack of desire for homes. There are hundreds of thousands of families that would be delighted to discover an opportunity to build a home. A fortune probably awaits the man or company that can solve the problem.

GUNS FOR SALE

The War Department is seeking purchasers for equipment left over from the World War in order to be able to use new weapons. Brazil recently purchased 90 six-inch guns of British make for use on her coast defenses. Several Latin-American governments have inquired whether munitions in storage for more than a decade are for sale and it is probable that obsolete Army and Navy munitions will be offered to neutrals.

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GAME AREAS WILL OPEN FOR FISHING APRIL 22

The principal watersheds in the United States Co-operative Wildlife Management areas in and near McDowell county will be open to trout fishermen on April 22 and 23, every Saturday and Sunday thereafter, and July 4, announced C. N. Mease, chief refuge supervisor in this district, this week.

In the Mt. Mitchell area of the Pisgah National Forest in McDowell and Yancey counties, South Toe River, Mackeys Creek, Newberry Creek, Neals Creek, Rock Creek, Middle Creek and their tributaries will be open. Neals Creek will be reserved for women only. Checking stations in this area are located at the forks of Curtis Creek and at the refuge office on South Toe River.

In the Daniel Boone area, including Avery, Burke and Caldwell counties, Wilson's Creek, Rockhouse Creek, Harpers Creek, Steel's Creek, Upper Creek, Linville Gorge and their tributaries will be open. Checking stations in this area are at the entrance to the area on highway No. 181, at Edgemont, at the entrance to the area at Kiwana Road, and near Linville Falls on highway No. 105.

Fishermen enjoying the facilities of the government land are required to report the results of their day's fishing at a checking station or forfeit their right for future fishing permits.

Fishing will be allowed from sunrise to sunset. Bait fishing will be permitted but treble or "gang" hooks will be prohibited.

Catch size limits are six inches for Brook trout and eight inches for Rainbow and Brown trout. The bag limit is 12 per day for each fisherman.

A fee of one dollar per day is charged persons for fishing in the government areas. In addition a regular fishing license is necessary.

JEFF HENLINE TAKEN BY DEATH; FUNERAL SUNDAY

Jeff D. Henline, 78, died at his home on Tom's Creek Friday morning after two days' illness of pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Charles Henline, Marion, Route 3, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. C. Story officiated and burial was made in the Pinnacle church cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Rebecca Wheeler Henline; one son, John H. Henline of Marion, route 1; one brother, William Henline, and three sisters, Mrs. Dorsey Waycaster, Mrs. Mollie Cuthbertson and Mrs. Sallie McNeely, all of Marion.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for sympathy and kindness rendered during the illness and death of my mother, Lena Avery and for the many floral offerings.
Sara Jane Avery Carson.

CONSERVATION SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS APRIL 13

Saturday April 13 is the deadline for signing for compliance with the soil conservation program for next year, announced S. L. Homewood, county agent, this week.

All farmers planning to earn soil conservation payments on their farms next year must sign to that effect in the office of the county agent. They must also state how they intend to earn their payments. No farmer may sign for compliance work after April 13, he said, and no conservation payments will be made to persons who have not signed for compliance with the program.

Nations, like individuals, cannot escape the facts of their existence; they may delay decisions but, sooner or later, fate overtakes them.

Most men judge their fellow-man by the way he accepts them and their ideas.

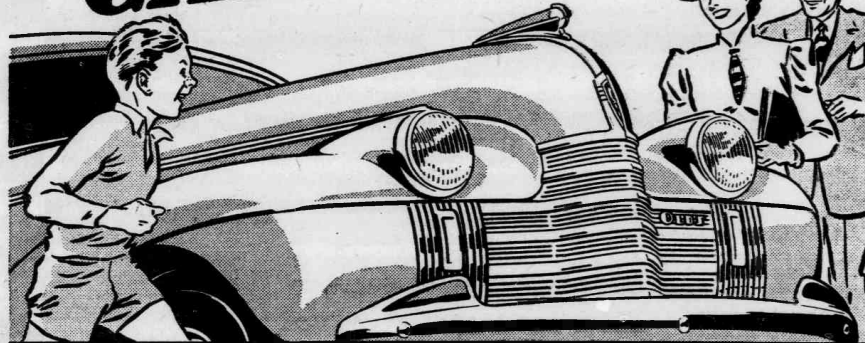
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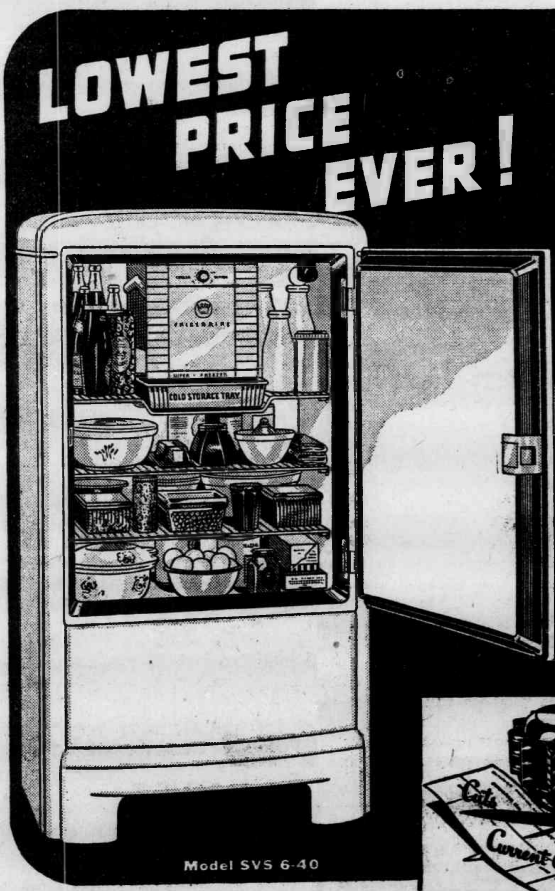
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