

NORTH CAROLINA FIRST IN CREDIT UNIONS

North Carolina leads all other states as of May 31 in number of new credit unions formed, according to D. R. Graham, Credit Union Supervisor, Department of Agriculture, who quoted figures in BRIDGE, official organ of Credit Union National Association.

Graham said that there are now a total of 180 state-chartered credit unions plus 20 which are Federal-chartered in North Carolina and that there are over 10,000 active credit unions in the United States functioning at the present time.

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Advisor for Women Vets



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Miss Winifred L. Stilwell, recently separated from the WAC's with the rank of lieutenant colonel, has been named advisor to General Omar N. Bradley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, on matters pertaining to women veterans. Miss Stilwell, whose home is in Kansas City, Kans., served in the Philippines as officer-in-charge of the WAC unit at General MacArthur's headquarters.

Don't Buy or Build Dwelling Now Housing Authority Warns

Because we are in the midst of as serious a real estate inflation as this country has even seen, it is folly to buy or build a home in the present market, according to Miles Colean, former Assistant Federal Housing Administrator.

"Don't build. Don't buy," Colean declares in an article in the August issue of House Beautiful magazine, a publication which ordinarily encourages the construction of new homes.

Recognized as America's leading housing economist, Colean hits straight from the shoulder in his advice to prospective home builders or buyers when he states in the article:

"It's strange for a home magazine to recommend this. But if it's the truth, we should not be afraid to say so. No other advice makes any sense now. Except under the direst necessity, stay out of the housing market. You can't win except on the shortest of deals, and you are almost certain to lose in the long run."

Colean points out that any builder or buyer in the present market only adds to the pressure on prices and that not only will they lose but they will be forcing others to lose.

"If you buy or build now, you face the grim outlook of losing dollar value and quantity."

he declares. "Not only will you yourself lose, but you will be helping others to lose, too, for every buyer added to today's prices adds to the pressure on prices. Hole in where you are, if you possible can, till the storm sweeps by."

"This is hard advice to take after four or five years of waiting and planning. It is particularly hard advice after the fair prospects we could glimpse a year and ever less than a year ago. But the discouraging fact is now plain: we are in the midst of as serious a real estate inflation as the country has seen."

"Inflation—dangerous inflation—is here now. Watch, look, and stop. There is an old saying, 'To the starving man all bread is good.' Today's building bread is bad. Be sure you are starving before you buy it."

Monroe Reunion Held at Ben Salem

After a lapse of four years, due to war conditions, the Monroe reunion was held at Ben Salem Church Sept. 1, 1946. At eleven o'clock the church and class rooms were filled to capacity for the preaching service conducted by the pastor, Mr. McBeth. After the sermon, the servicemen and women present were recognized and the congregation stood in a moment of silent prayer in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

Immediately following the service, Fred B. Monroe, president, called the organization into a business session. Mrs. C. V. Richardson, secretary, read the minutes of last meeting and gave a financial report, after which the following officers were elected: Guy Monroe, Hamlet, president; Ernest Monroe, Star, vice-president; Blanche Monroe, West End, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Guy Monroe gave some interesting facts about the Monroe Coat of Arms, the motto of which is "Dread God."

Upon adjournment, the assemblage gathered under the ancient oaks for a picnic dinner. Around the long loaded table, clansmen, friends and neighbors enjoyed a rare period of fellowship, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

As goodbyes were said and we departed from the old church grounds it was with a feeling that it was good to have been there.

The salary of members of the British Parliament was recently raised from 600 pounds to 1000 pounds (about \$4,000) per year. American Congressmen receive \$10,000.

Membership in North Carolina credit unions now totals 40,000 with total resources listed as approximately \$4,000,000. The largest union is that of the State Employees in Raleigh with resources of \$1,400,000.

UN and YOU

By ELEANOR MITCHEL

(Eleanor Mitchel is on vacation. Anne Winslow, ex-WAC officer who served in England, France & Germany, is writing this week's column.)

New York . . . Painters, plasterers, carpenters and electricians are hard at work transforming the building of the City of New York in the Worlds Fair grounds and the Sperry plant at Lake Success into headquarters of the United Nations. They are doing a good job as I found out when I went to get a first hand preview. Under escort of very helpful guides I clambered over and around piles of lumber, bricks and colossal lighting fixtures.

The big Assembly chamber in Flushing Meadows seats 1500 people—delegates on the floor, press and public in a balcony. Around the sides are the booths for radio, television and press photographers. The back wall is a deep maroon red—the sides a pale salmon, and in front is a great map of the world with the North Pole in the center copied from the emblem of the United Nations.

The lighting gives the effect of warm sunlight. The day before I went out there, somebody had apparently satisfied the ambition of a lifetime. A loud booming voice was heard from the chamber. Investigation revealed an agitated little man addressing the empty room in accents that reminded his hearers of Adolf Hitler. In addition to the Assembly chamber, the building houses quantities of offices, a delegates' lounge and dining room, press rooms and a big cafeteria. Despite the size of the building, there is a feeling of quiet efficiency and intimacy. Incidentally, the flags of the 61 nations stand on the exact site of the Trylon and Perisphere of Worlds Fair days.

The Sperry plant, which is some distance from Flushing Meadows, will house the Secretariat, the Economic and Social Council, the Security Council, the Atomic Energy Commission and other commissions and committees. Here, at last, the United Nations should be able to settle down with reasonable comfort and convenience until its move to the permanent site some years hence. The moving, by the way, is being done for \$1,000 through the courtesy of James O'Neill, president of the Lincoln Warehouse Corporation and a firm believer in the United Nations.

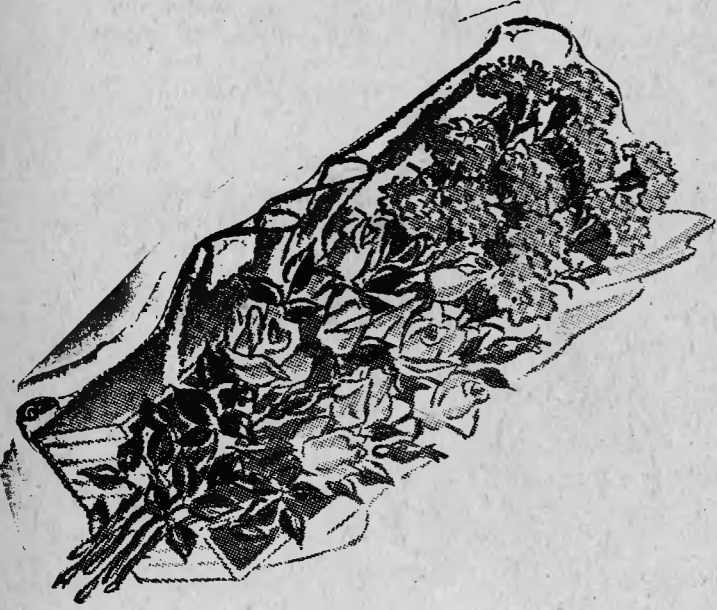
ALSO . . . Clark Eichelberger, Director of the American Association for the United Nations,

has just returned from two weeks in Europe attending the meeting of the World Federation of United Nations Associations in Luxembourg and looking in on the Paris Peace Conference. As he stepped casually off the plane he remarked, "The flying time is almost the same as to the West Coast."

For the first time since the war the United Nations Associations, formerly the League of Nations Associations, met to reorganize themselves into a World Federation. Representatives of 24 countries met in the little Duchy of Luxembourg, a country of 240,000 inhabitants and the site of the most powerful radio station in Europe, first used by the Germans and later by the Allies. The striking features of the Federation meeting, according to Mr. Eichelberger, were the youth of the delegates and the harmony of the discussions. Almost all representatives had either been in the resistance or the armed forces. In these meetings there was no sense of an Eastern bloc and a Western bloc. These people knew all too well the suffering of war and were eager to make a peace that was intelligent and enduring. Scarcity of radios, shortage of paper and lack of funds to pay news services has created all over Europe a desperate need for the kind of information about the United Nations which we take so much for granted. Mr. Eichelberger was able to bring them the welcome news that the United Nations will give a free set of all its publications to each Association.

The Federation met in the Chamber of Deputies of the Government of Luxembourg. There were interpreters, agendas, mimeographed documents and all the accessories of a smoothly run conference. But, in this case, most of these services were supplied by a group of volunteers who had come from all over at their own expense. Jan Masaryk of Czechoslovakia was elected as the first president along with four honorary presidents, including Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In the village of Ham, three miles from the city of Luxembourg, the American delegation paid their respects to the 9,000 American dead buried in the cemetery. There lies General Patton between an Unknown Soldier and a Polish boy from New York. . . . Next week I'll tell you something about Mr. Eichelberger's impressions of the Peace Conference.



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T H A N K S . . .

The Southern Pines Veterans' Organizations and the Advisory Committee of Interested Citizens wish to express their thanks to the people of Southern Pines for their wholehearted support in securing funds for the erection of the steel fence around the Southern Pines Athletic Park.

The drive was a success and after all the bills for posters, newspaper advertising and other expenses are paid, along with the steel fence, the balance will remain in the Veterans' Athletic Fund to be used toward any further development of the Athletic Park.

We wish to especially express our thanks to the Teen-Agers for their grand cooperation in making out of town ticket trips and conducting a house to house canvass in Southern Pines.

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