

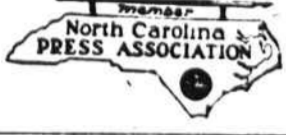
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We Might Compete

In a recent issue of the Raleigh News and Observer the capital was ready to take over the role of the city of Reno as a divorce headquarters. The claim was being made because of the granting of 43 divorces in Wake County Superior Court that week and the fact that 55 more divorce cases were scheduled for trial at the next term of court.

Softening Fathers' Draft

Senator Taft's interesting proposals looking toward the further deferment, or the most intelligent selection, of fathers in the draft have three main parts. One would review the physical requirements of the armed services, with the object of meeting Army quotas, if possible, by dipping more deeply into the pool of 3,400,000 now listed as 4-F.

The Year Of the Tomato

We have never heard of as many people wanting to can or canning tomatoes as the past summer and fall. We thought maybe it might have a local slant, and was not universal over the country, until we read a very interesting editorial on the popularity of the tomato in the New York Times, excerpts of which follow:

"Nobody would say anything but the kindest words for the tomato. It is a friendly, healthful vegetable, or fruit, and let's not quibble about classifications. It oozes vitamins, and even more delectable things. It has flavor and substance and color. If it doesn't help you to see at night, it ought to, for it outsells carrots on most tables. And it certainly helps you to see on the morning after."

It's about time Congress got down to the bread-and-butter side of this question, and sought practical ways not only of raising men for the Army and the war plants, but also means for wisely softening the impact on the little homes and the big social order. —Christian Science Monitor.

Congratulations

We extend our congratulations to the Veterans of World War number I, for completion of payment on their home on Depot Street. We understand that they are now offering the use of the building to their comrades of the next generation who are serving in World War II.

This building will mean much to the younger veterans, when they return, to have a place for meeting. We trust the two groups become one, for they have fought for the same ideals of democracy. We trust that the job will be finished this time, and that the sons of number two will not have to answer the same calls as their fathers and grandfathers did before them.

Going At Low Speed

We do not doubt for one minute the patriotism of the women of this community. They have shown it on too many occasions. Watch the bravery of the mothers as they tell their sons goodbye when they enter the armed forces.

The women of our community are busy at home and in defense plants carrying on as the government has asked them to do. This past summer has been an unusually busy one, with the extra load of food conservation, but even so just between us our women folks have failed to measure up in one respect.

They are not going to the surgical dressings room to roll bandages as they should. In every quota yet sent out by the government in any war effort we have gone over the top, with the exception of the quota of surgical dressings.

Now the situation is serious. It is obviously the sacred duty of every woman who can possibly give the time, to aid in this work. The type of bandages made by the Red Cross volunteer workers is not made needed on every firing line.

We are all aware that during the next year our casualty list will grow, our number of wounded will increase, the need for bandages will be greater. This is a definite piece of work for the woman who has a bit of leisure.

Let it never be recorded again that material intended for work in our own surgical dressings room was sent to other chapters, who have met their quotas and are able to take on the responsibility of others. This is not the local way of handling war programs.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY. I'M STILL SORTING SPIDER WEBS FOR THOSE RANGE FINDER GADGETS... OH, I GUESS I'LL STICK ON MY STEAM SHOVEL JOB DOWN ON THE COAL DOCK FOR THE WINTER.

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able to make any money for the State with the State Fair and the fact that he is owner and manager of the Southern States Fair and the Cleveland County Fair stood him in

Can't some folks knock the answer should be "Yes."



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Repeated inquiries of life-long residents has elicited shakes of heads. To high up for mocking birds. Well, there might be an occasional one. Hardly ever, though.

I stopped, listened. What thrills what thrills! Oh, heck! I had to laugh, sheepishly. A phonograph record!... Bound to be, here in October.

And then came the real surprise. perched on top of the Methodist church, there he sat. He seemed to sense my delight, for he cut his eye mischievously, then, with never a break in the melody, shot skyward, plummeted like a stone to within a foot of the ground, sailed debonairly from sight among the trees.

He couldn't be far, for cascades of liquid music were still lavishly being poured through the autumn air. I found him—this time on top of the Baptist church.

He was playing no favorites—and maybe was practicing for a solo in one of our choirs. A rare guest artist he will be.

News and Comment From Raleigh

CAPITAL LETTERS

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

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However, we only recently built up a merit system in this State and some of the merit boys were professedly disappointed that the doctor should think of making appointments without regard to it.

At a recent convention of employment folks held in Raleigh, plans were laid to trap Dr. Dorton or to embarrass him—to worry him in every way possible. They put him on the program, of course, and sat back for the fun. Well, Dr. Dorton is not from Shelby for nothing, and the fact that he is the only man who has ever been

Inside WASHINGTON

Giant U. S. Bombing Planes | Many a Nazi Airman Fatally Change Into Huge Fighters | Fooled by "Hedgehog" Planes

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Now the story can be told why American Flying Fortresses and Liberators have been able to maintain such a high batting average against the German Luftwaffe (4 and 6 to 1).

Normally, the big bombers carry 13 large caliber machine guns, making them the most powerfully-armed planes in the skies.

For a long time after the United States Air Forces began their raids on Germany such armament was sufficient to keep the Nazis at a respectable distance.

But, after paying bloodily for the experience, Nazi flyers discovered a blind spot here and there. They also learned that, in order to carry as many bombs as possible, the heavy bombers were forced to cut down their supply of ammunition.

Those happy hunting days did not last long, however. On one raid the Nazis tore into a formation of "Forts" only to find the bombers spewing back death from utterly strange places. And, on the way home, the bombers fought off clouds of interceptors with apparently inexhaustible machine guns.

In April, May and June, Flying Fortresses shot down 821 planes against a loss of 183 of our own.

The answer: Very secretly bombers had been sent to modification centers and transformed from the world's fastest big bombers to the world's biggest fighter planes!

Instead of carrying bombs to Europe, they were loaded down with guns and ammunition. They were indistinguishable from their accompanying bombers, but carried a far deadlier sting.

In the air forces they are now known as "Flying Hedgehogs."

THE WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION warns housewives and others interested not to look for any improvement in the milk supply situation in November—a month of normally low milk production.

Every effort is being made to spur the nation's dairymen on to greater production through changes in the feed situation, or in prices, but WFA officials say frankly that the vastly increased consumption may cause every city milk market to have more difficulty in finding as big a supply as last winter.

Expectations are that a milk sales control order will be in effect in most cities in the northeast and along the west coast Oct. 1.

One way out of the difficulty which is under consideration is reduction of the amount of milk sold in restaurants, hotels and other public establishments.

good stead. When one works with fair, he runs into every type individual and situation. He made the speech and did not falter once, so his would-be hecklers admitted later in the evening. Dr Dorton, it is reported, told them that his position and any position closely allied with his own will hold only for the duration, that he would get out when he felt his work was completed—BUT that as long as he held the place, he would run the show.

And indications are that he is doing just that.

EHRINGHAUS—J. C. B. Ehringhaus, who whipped Dick Fountain for governor back in 1932, is just another Raleigh lawyer now. Well, not just another either, for he handles some pretty nice cases now and then—but he has nothing of the gubernatorial manner in his personality and general demeanor these days.

Quiet, good-natured, unobtrusive in every way Ehringhaus is very popular among the substantial citizens of Raleigh. He is a leader in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd and in civic affairs.

In 1933, when Ehringhaus began his duties as governor, the State and the Nation were in dire financial straits... as you probably recall. Think over those days a minute and you will get some idea about the problems confronting Governor Ehringhaus. On top of this spot of bother, Ehringhaus was a sick man and for a time it looked as if Lieutenant Governor "Sandy" Graham would be forced to take over. But Ehringhaus came through it well—that's the consensus—and he is more popular now than during his years in office.

And he may not be through politically, even though he apparently has no ambitions in that field at the present time, for there are thousands who would like to see him succeed Senator Bailey.

DIVORCES—Much of the work being done by the courts of this State is concerned with divorces. A week's term of court in North Carolina usually has at least one

day's business devoted almost exclusively to "Renotizing," as Winchell puts it.

In this State, we do not get fancy about it. We use no terms like mental cruelty, abusive language, or such Hollywood talk. In North Carolina—and we seem to be doing mighty well here in our country way—we just separate for two years, ask for a divorce, and get it.

Reno is better known, but Raleigh and Wake County are not so bad. It is much cheaper to get a divorce in this State than in Nevada and Florida. In those places, it costs hundreds of dollars ordinarily. Other requirements in Nevada and Florida, and in similar divorce resorts, are establishment of residence and other technical impediments. But not in North Carolina.

In Wake County, for instance, a person can get a divorce for \$50 or less. Reports are that the average attorney's fee here in Raleigh is about \$25, with court costs approximately \$15. Virtually all of the Wake divorce cases are based on grounds of two years' separation, regardless of contributing causes.

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