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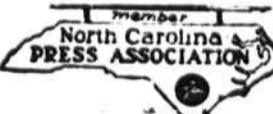
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If I could get to the highest place in Athens, I would lift up my voice and say: 'What mean ye, fellow citizens, that ye turn every stone to scrape together, and take so little care of your children, to whom ye must some day relinquish everything.—SOCRATES.

Save Your Waste Paper

Waste paper is needed for use in manufacturing paper and containers for our military forces. The urge is great—save all the paper, cardboard and rough paper you can collect around your homes and business places. The paper will be collected by the boys of the Sylva Vocational Agriculture department. The funds derived from the sale of this paper will be used by the boys to purchase a much needed band saw for their shop. Don't delay—collect your paper and then call Mr. Corbin—his boys will be glad to pick it up.

Home-Front Fight

Mankind from the dawn of time has had to wage a continuous warfare for survival. Throughout the countless years the earth has circled the sun there always has been bound closely to human experience the vital need of alertness to danger—whether threat be occasioned by animal ferocity, human greed or the insensate aggression of a terrible disease.

Infantile paralysis just last summer struck America the hardest blow the nation has sustained in the history of the disease in 28 years. However, through the public's fore-thought in contributing dimes and dollars to the fight against infantile paralysis, a great program of epidemic aid was put into motion immediately.

North Carolina, New York, Kentucky, Virginia, Pennsylvania—to these and other stricken states The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis sent doctors, nurses, physical therapy technicians, as well as respirators, supplies and financial aid.

Because of the alertness of that organization and its Chapters, the best of medical care was rendered every victim, regardless of age, race, creed or color. Your dimes and dollars helped make that possible.

Give liberally to Jackson County's Infantile paralysis fund drive now in progress. Our county's quota is \$599.00, a very small sum compared to the benefits that will be made available to our boys and girls in helping to prevent their falling victims to this dreaded disease.

WPB Challenge to Pulpwood Producers

The War Production Board's action in setting a 1945 goal of 16,000,000 cords of pulpwood—1,000,000 more than last year—offers a challenge to all pulpwood producers and cutters and to every pulpwood-producing community.

The 16,000,000-cord goal, of course, is based on actual needs of our fighting men and of essential industries on the Home Front. Unless it is reached, our military operations overseas may be slowed down and the war may be prolonged.

However, the very fact that the War Production Board established such a high goal in the face of growing manpower and equipment shortages emphasizes the confidence this war agency has in our ability to attain it.

For this country to produce an extra 1,000,000 cords of pulpwood in 1945 every farmer, every farm worker, every dealer, every county agent and forester—in fact, everybody who has anything to do with pulpwood production—is going to have to work harder than he did in 1944.

But no one will complain if this extra work shortens the war by a month, a week or even a day. For that saving in time will

also save American lives, perhaps the life of a boy from this community.

Cut more pulpwood in 1945 and so help out the casualty list of American boys.

Inside WASHINGTON

SPECIAL TO CENTRAL PRESS New Budget to Be an "If" See No Early Return for Affair Due to Nazi Drive Blue Tokens in Rationing War's End Still too Uncertain

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt is expected to submit a very "iffy" budget to the new 79th Congress. The reason the budget will be "iffy"—to use one of Mr. R's own expressions—is that the German counter-offensive on the western front has demonstrated that it is not possible to set a date for the collapse of Germany.

Therefore, the president is expected to tell Congress that if Germany is defeated by next July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year, the estimated expenditures and new appropriations required will be such and such and such, but that if the war in Europe continues indefinitely a higher set of figures will be necessary.

One thing the budget will not reflect is over-optimism about the defeat of Germany. The United States high command and Washington officials are convinced by this time that they did not help the Allied cause by taking it for granted that Germany was already beaten and that a few more shoves would bring about the end.

DESPITE THE RETURN OF FIVE CANNED VEGETABLES to rationing in its Christmas week-end order, OPA has no plans at present to resume use of blue ration tokens.

OPA explains that there is no necessity now for giving canned products points in anything but multiples of 10. Thus tokens are not needed for change as when canned stuff had off-numbered point values such as eight, 12, etc.

About 900 million blue tokens were made early in 1944 for use when the token plan became effective last February; another 100 million were made later as a reserve stock.

Their use was suspended in September when the War Food Administration ordered all canned goods off rationing. Housewives were given a short period to spend blue tokens in their possession and then the little fibre coins were stored in OPA regional warehouses and in Cincinnati where they were made.

A few were sent to Europe last summer for use as a medium of exchange in one country where war had disrupted normal currency; otherwise no use has been found for them.

AGRICULTURAL OBSERVERS CHUCKLED over a proposed Senate agricultural investigation of whether Claude A. Wickard, agricultural secretary, has been shorn of power by War Food Administrator Marvin Jones.

Much like Labor Secretary Frances Perkins, Wickard's status has long been clear to newsmen covering his department. They consider the Indiana farmer merely a figure-head with little if any authority on policy matters.

At news conferences, Wickard declines to answer direct queries on food and farm matters, pointing out that is Judge Jones' "department." Asked why he doesn't resign, Wickard says he'll stick "until the President indicates I'm no longer needed."

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT—Central Press Writer

PAPER is now being made of glass. This will be tough on mystery story readers—they'll be able to see the solution before they are half way through the first page.

An easterner collects cobwebs as a hobby. Apparently he doesn't care how many spiders get mad at him.

The world, laments a philopher, has lost its sense of humor. Well, there's nothing like a war to fracture one's funny bone.

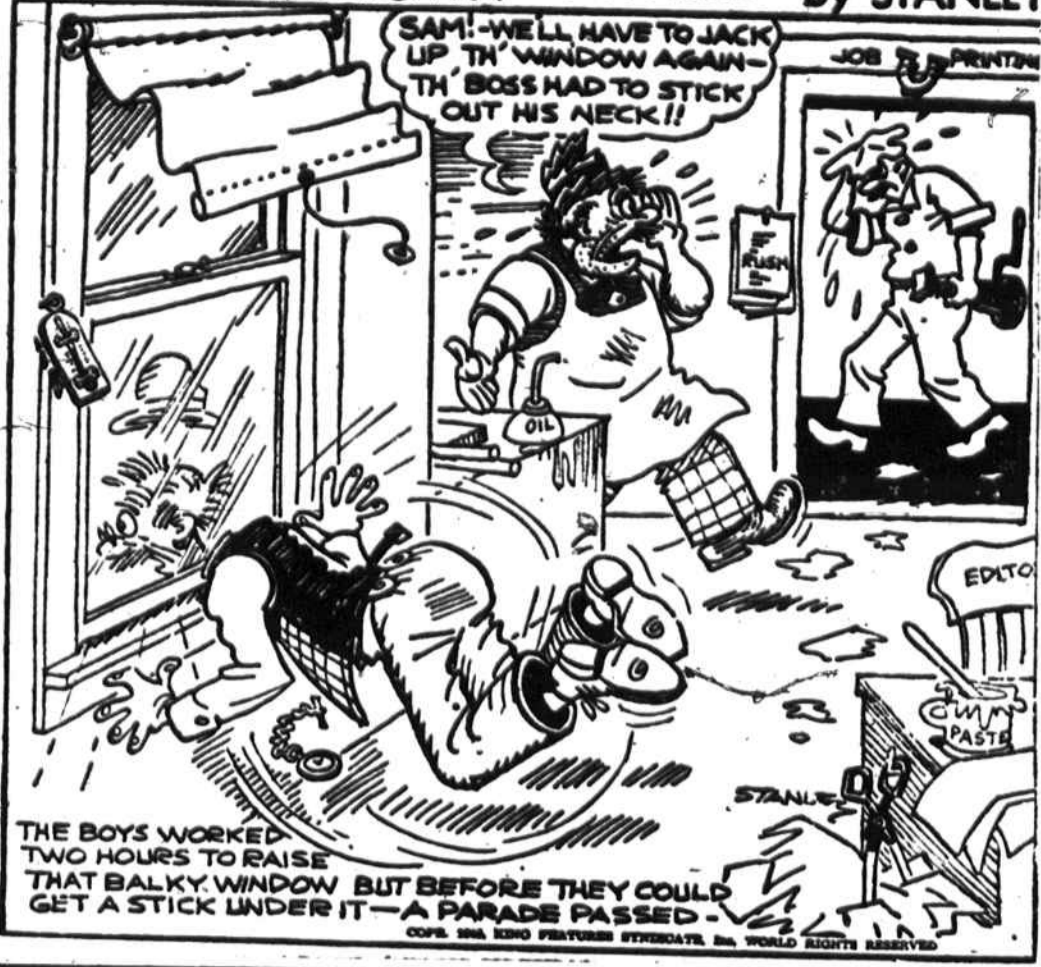
Factographs item claims there are 1,925 distinct species of lizards in the world—not including, we imagine, the lounge variety.

Grandpappy Jenkins says his favorite art study are the pictures in the pre-spring seed catalog.

National laws of the Swiss and Turks are said to be identical. Law No. 1 must be: "Stay out of the war."

South Africa, we read, leads the entire world in diamond mining. Well, that's at least one department in which the Dark Continent outshines the rest of us.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



News and Comment From Raleigh CAPITAL LETTERS By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

LIAISON—Pete Murphy, old-time athlete of the University of North Carolina, and a perennial member of the inner ring of political North Carolina, has been made liaison officer of the General Assembly. As such, he is a bond or connecting link between the two houses. As a matter of fact, Mr. Murphy doesn't do much of anything in this position. He held the same job two years ago.

W. J. Rountree, Cates County representative and a hard-bitten conservative, objected to the State's paying Mr. Murphy \$10 per day for this work. He was right, and everybody knew it, but they went ahead with the appointment, anyway.

However, Pete Murphy is not getting paid for the work he is now doing in the Legislature, but for his long years of service in the Democratic party.

Representative Rountree should remember that Gates County is as closely associated with politics in this State as any other county in it. Much of the sense—or nonsense, Mr. Rountree—which now dominates the Democratic party in North Carolina had its birth in various sections of Gates.

WALKERS—Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Cherry are not doing much riding in the big car. One can see the State's first lady tripping along down Fayetteville Street here almost any day window-shopping. Governor Cherry says he just doesn't feel right riding all alone in the back seat of a car which gets only around 10 miles to the gallon of gas. Since Mr. Cherry is pretty heavy, the little five- or six-block walk from the Mansion to the Capitol should do him some good.

LINE—The Legislature has an imaginary line it plans to hold in spending, and R. G. Deyton, assistant director of the budget, is playing a big hand on this front. Several times within the past three weeks several departments and divisions within these departments have made plans to ask for slight increases above the figures set up for the next biennium for them by the Advisory Budget Commission, but several times Mr. Deyton has said: "Now don't do that. The increase will be small, and we can attend to it all right, I believe, without your complaining to the Appropriations committees."

By making slight shifts of funds from one division to another within a department, Deyton can usually make appropriations meet the expectations of the petitioners. This he has agreed to do in many instances, and has thus cut down on the work of Appropriations legislators, and as a consequence this session of the Legislature is likely to be relatively brief.

Although no facts are available, Mr. Deyton has probably had instructions from above to make these moves. Too many times in the past days have been wasted on minor upward revisions of appropriations.

NAME—Although the Appropriations Committee is being called the approbations group, Mr. Deyton (\$6,800 per annum) probably deserves most of the credit. He is really the Appropriations Officer.

GROOVE—The teachers are in the groove on their requests for more money. Ask for a much bigger increase than you have any idea you can get, and chances are you will obtain a compromise half way between what was recommended and what you requested.

But this Legislature is not going to go into anything that will let the financial bars down, whether the matter applies to broadened medical facilities, education, or social legislation.

There is a lot of money in State coffers, and this Legislature, without

caution, could very easily go down as a spend-thrift session. The administration is working earnestly to avoid this reputation.

DRINKING—There is less drinking and poker-playing around the hotels here than in other odd years. This is due to the fact that the legislators are more concerned with legislative business. They are a serious bunch of fellows, as a whole, and they are doing good work and receiving quite a few compliments from old heads who have watched a score of Legislatures wax and wane.

PICTURES—William Howland, Southern representative for Time, Life, and Fortune, visited Commissioner of Agriculture Kerr Scott last Friday and Saturday. His photographer made a dozen or so shots. After leaving the commissioner, they went to the University for something on the sesqui-centennial of that institution. Sunday afternoon they made 300 pictures of the Scott farm in Alamance County.

LOCAL—What would be your attitude toward your county's raising the State salary for teachers 10 per cent? F. E. Wallace Lenoir County representative, introduced a bill last week which would allow the commissioners of his bailiwick to do this very thing. If it passes, the surrounding counties had better look out. Wallace is close to the administration. Does his introduction of this bill indicate that he is of the opinion that teachers' salaries will still need local help after the Legislature has made its departure?

Hoyle Promoted To

Rank Of Sergeant

Mrs. Mary Jane Hoyle of Sylva has received word that her son, John V. Hoyle, has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Sgt. Hoyle, who is serving with the 7th Army in France, entered service Sept. 3, 1942, and received training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Fort Adams, R. I. before going overseas in February, 1944. Mrs. Hoyle has another son, Pvt. Ernest L. Hoyle, who is serving with the M. P. Company in England.

Franklin Brothers Meet After Three Years' Separation

Pvt. Elmer Franklin and Pvt. Homer Franklin, sons of Mrs. I. E. Franklin, of Sylva recently met in Richmond, Va., after a separation of three years. Pvt. Elmer Franklin has been in service for three years and has just finished up twenty-eight months overseas duty. Pvt. Homer Franklin has been in the armed forces since last July and is scheduled to go overseas soon. Mrs. Franklin, who is another son, I. E. Franklin, who is serving with the Marines somewhere in the Pacific.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. S. T. McGinnis wishes to express her sincere gratitude and thanks to her many friends for their love and thoughtfulness shown during her lingering illness. Also for the beautiful cards and flowers.

Almost a half pound of extra wool per fleece of cleaner and longer wool has been obtained by selective breeding of sheep in Idaho, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Blood spots in eggs do not indicate a diseased condition of the chicken laying the egg, says Prof. Roy Dearstyn, head of the poultry department at State College.

Some strains of sweet corn hold their sweetness better than others between the picking and the pot, say agricultural scientists.

The War Food Administration urges farmers to keep more sows for spring farrowing because additional pigs are needed.

Lift Up Your Eyes

Oh, Mother, rest from tortured thoughts, Of graves in unknown lands, Or ocean depths where loved ones died, Uncared by tender hands. Be comforted and lift your eyes To God, for know ye not, God sent His angels for that soul And they have marked the spot. Hold fast your faith until the hour When days on earth are done. Then in full beauty of his youth Once more you'll see your son.

Mail Call

What more welcome cry is there Than the cry of "mail"? Men seem to come from everywhere I've never seen it fail!

Shove and jostle eagerly, While a hundred voices shout "Is there any for me?" And a hundred hands reach out.

They sit down in the nearest place, Wherever they can read, And the happy smile on every face, Is a pleasant sight indeed.

But when the mail is all passed out, Some slowly turn away, And I truly pity those Without any mail today.

If the folks back home knew what it means Those letters to receive, I'm sure those letters would be sent, To gladden hearts that grieve.

I can appreciate their hungry eyes, It's a sight I hate to see, For I know how my own hopes die, When there's no mail for me. Pfc. J. D. Bradley, 34774440, Hq. Co. 1 Bn., 124 Inf., APO 31, C/o P. M. San Francisco, Calif.

These two poems were sent to relatives in Jackson county by a soldier in the Netherlands East Indies who requested that they be published in The Herald. The first one is to mothers who have lost their sons on the battlefield.

The day had gone, alone and weak I groped my way within a bleak And sunless land. The path that led into the light I could not find! In that dark night God took my hand.

He led me that I might not stray And brought me by a new, safe way I had not known. By waters still, through pastures green I followed Him—the path was clean Of briar and stone.

The heavy darkness lost its strength, My waiting eyes beheld at length The streaking dawn. On, safely on, through sunlight glow I walked, my hand in His, and lo, The night had gone. —Annie Porter Johnson

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Bookmobile Schedule

For Jackson County

MONDAY, JAN. 29—Cullowhee—L. A. Buchanan Speedwell—Sam Parker East LaPorte—John Moses Tuckaseegee School—Mrs. Fannie Brown Tuckaseegee—Mrs. R. G. Parker Rocky Hollow School—Mrs. Maud Sherrill Greenville—Mrs. Sam Audrey Greenville—Mrs. Kate Bryson TUESDAY, JAN. 30—Maple Springs—Mrs. J. W. Harris Negro School—Ralph Davis Beta Community—Frank Crawford Addie—Mrs. Don Cogdill Addie School—Mr. W. G. Dillard Willets—W. O. Robinson Balsam—Mrs. O. J. Beck Balsam School—R. O. Higdon Negro Community—Mrs. Virginia Wilson, Mrs. Fredrick Love WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31—Savannah School—Mr. W. H. Crawford

East Fork—Mrs. James Brogden Gay—N. Higdon Dillsboro—Miss Susy Hall Webster—Mary Bob Clements Lovefield—Mrs. Dennis Higdon THURSDAY, FEB. 1—Hospital—Mrs. Pat Carter Barkers Creek School—Mrs. R. S. Cowan Wilmot—Mrs. Fannie Bumgarner Sunset Farms—Mrs. Ed Bumgarner Qualla—Mrs. J. L. Sittor Qualla—Mrs. J. W. Cathy Whittier—Mrs. J. E. Battles Whittier Community—Mrs. J. B. Battles Conley's Creek—Mrs. E. C. Childers Whittier School—W. C. Wiedel

When a horse recovers from an attack of infectious anemia, or swamp fever, the infection may remain for years after all symptoms of the disease have disappeared.