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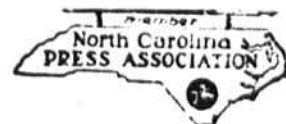
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The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher.—T. H. HUXLEY.

Consider the postage stamp, my son. It secures success through its ability to stick to one thing till it gets there.—JOSH BILLINGS.

Diligence is the mother of good luck.—FRANKLIN.

### A Momentous Week

This week will probably go down in history as one of momentous happenings and the real turning point of the war with victory over our enemies now assured. The liberation of Manila by General MacArthur and his men, resulting in freeing thousands of American prisoners, has brought joy and gratification to every American and peace loving person of the world. Russia's continued drive on Berlin and the progress of our doughboys in forcing their way through the West Wall, coupled with continued heavy pounding of Berlin and other German centers by Allied air power, is bound to weaken the enemy on the home front as well as the battle-front.

On the political front it is believed that Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin are now holding their much talked of conference in an effort to iron out some of the difficulties bound to face the Allied Nations in making the peace after victory. They are believed to be discussing the creating of a grand council to settle political and economic problems and prevent disagreement among the allies on European policy.

Congress is ranging over the May "work of fight bill" and there is no telling what will happen before it gets through both houses.

Our entire North Carolina delegation voted in favor of the proposed limited national service act. Down at Raleigh some members of the House are trying to drag out the "Old Liquor Referendum Bill" which would call for a state-wide test of the matter of liquor. The west would vote against any kind of legalized liquor control.

All in all this is a critical week in world history. We will most likely have reason to remember it in the years to come.

### A War-time Message To Pulpwood Producers

"Pulpwood today can help shorten the war while tomorrow it can offer jobs to our returning service men and revenue to our farmers."

This statement is taken from "A War-time Message" from Governor Colgate W. Darden, Jr., to his constituents of Virginia, one of the Nation's most important pulpwood-producing states. The Governor's statement appeared in an advertisement sponsored in Virginia newspapers by the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Yet the message, while directed to the people of Virginia, might well have been spoken to the people of Maine, or Minnesota, or Georgia, or in fact of any pulpwood-producing state. It's the same everywhere.

**Pulpwood offers a war-time job with a post-war future.**

Every day farmers are discovering that they have a cash crop in pulpwood and that by cutting they can make their farm woodlands produce revenue regularly over a period of years. Many of them are earning enough extra income from pulpwood to pay off mortgages, buy new farm land, or to buy more War Bonds.

War plant workers and honorably discharged service men, on returning home, are finding that pulpwood offers an opportunity for quick employment with the promise of continuing after the war ends in Europe and in the Pacific.

**Cut pulpwood for war today and get ready for the peace tomorrow.**

## INSIDE WASHINGTON

World War Now Brings Wilhelmina, George VI, Twilight of the Kings Gustav Sole Survivors?

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The handwriting is on the wall so far as most crowned heads of Europe are concerned. You can mark it down that most will not return to thrones.

The tip-off is in the diplomatically impersonal term "regency."

Normally, a regent is appointed to serve until an under-age monarch attains majority.

But in World War II the term achieves a more powerful meaning—and no one knows it better than George of Greece and Peter of Yugoslavia.

Peter's throne has practically been pulled down from under him by Marshal Tito and his Soviet supporters. In Greece, the real precedent for Europe is being set. A regency has been set up, but fighting goes on. This virtually eliminates King George despite British backing.

In Norway, patriots who lived for years under Nazi domination are ready to protest the return of King Haakon, who in peacetime had an agreeably democratic monarchy. Ravages of war have stirred grumblings even there.

Pretenders to French, Spanish and Austrian thrones can be written off as Europe moves into a wave of radicalism and popular political movements. In the Balkans, Soviet influence has been completely established, and Carol of Rumania may as well stay in exile.

Belgian underground leaders are piqued over retention of Premier Pierlot and King Leopold's return is doubtful. Holland's Queen Wilhelmina is popular and may come back.

The situation leaves Sweden and England just about the only sure-to-survive monarchies in Europe.

THE MOVE BY SENATOR ALEXANDER WILEY (R.) of Wisconsin to have President Roosevelt take with him to future world conferences the chairman and ranking minority member of the Senate foreign relations committee is doomed to failure.

Wiley is considering a resolution to implement his recommendation, but it appears doomed in the committee itself. Practically every Democrat would vote against it as precedent-shattering and embarrassing to the administration.

The Wiley proposal—which some day may bear fruit—will, in the opinion of observers, wait a long time before any report reaches floor.

THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR, Francisco Castillo Najera, dean of the Washington diplomatic corps, went to London recently to help "liquidate" the League of Nations and its assets and came back with five Paris hat boxes.

After the conference was over, Najera boarded a plane for Paris and reportedly made a hasty tour of the Rue Royale's fashion shops. As he climbed back in the big airliner, he carried five puff-ball-weight hat boxes. Then he and his family left Washington for Mexico City to attend the wedding of his son.

Observers guessed they may figure in his effort to put Mexico City on the map as a fashion center—that the new Paris creations worn by ladies of his family may serve as models to stir the interest of his country's milliners.

THE STAND OF SECRETARY OF STATE EDWARD R. STETTINIUS, JR., in opposition to the Palestine resolution is in sharp contrast to that of his former chief, Cordell Hull.

Hull told Rep. Sol Bloom (D.) of New York, chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, that he had no objection to the resolution calling for unrestricted immigration of Jews to Palestine. War Secretary Henry L. Stimson withdraw his objection and the committee recommended House passage.

Stettinius' objection, however, before the Senate foreign relations committee, considering the same resolution, blocked it, and the right of way.

As a result, both resolutions died, to the disappointment of millions of Jews and liberals who anticipated approval in both the House and Senate because of backing it had received from President Roosevelt and members of both houses.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



News and Comment From Raleigh

## CAPITAL LETTERS

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

SUB-SUB—With your 1945 session of the Legislature now in full swing, committees are swarming in and out of Raleigh buildings like young school boys playing hide-and-seek. Look behind a patch of shrubbery or State office door and you will find a committee, or a sub-committee or a sub-sub-committee—that occurred last week—in solemn deliberation.

A DILLER?—The legislative committees used to meet at 10 o'clock, but now they meet at 9:30—and 9:30 during these wartime, winter days is early! Some of the legislators complained at first—some of them still come in late and sleepy-eyed, but those from the rural areas (and most of them are) apparently have no trouble at all. In previous sessions of the Legislature it was seldom that a committee hearing get underway before 10 or 10:30.

DIVORCE—It is a safe bet that 60 per cent of the cases being brought up in Superior Court these days are concerned with divorces. Well, you can bet your last dime that the bill now being considered to lower the separation time from two years to one will be fought to the last ditch by Josephus Daniels and 100 women. Can you imagine anything worse after you than Josephus Daniels and 100 women?

How is the divorce rate in your county? Recent figures have it that about one out of five marriages in North Carolina end in divorce. In the Nation it is slightly more than two out of six.

HARD—Wayland Spruill, Bertie legislator and sometime candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, will admit to no equals and only one superior, and that is W. Kerr Scott, who beat him out for the State agricultural leader four years ago. Well, the other day practical Thomas O'Berry, Wayne County senator, member of the Advisory Budget Commission, advised members of the Legislature inspecting Dix Hill not to be swayed by sentiment and let it interfere with their financial thoughts.

This burned Spruill up, and as only he can, he tore into O'Berry with old Chowan-Cashie River venom. If the Wayne gentleman had wanted to

fight, Spruill was ready. But O'Berry is more fiscal than flighty, so the duel didn't develop.

Spruill didn't like the hard viewpoint he thought O'Berry took in regard to mentally sick folks at Dix Hill. Spruill will be a leader in the fight for an ambitious rural health program, more hospitals, etc.

BOARD—One hears a lot of talk in Raleigh now about the personnel of various boards. Bill Austin, of Ashe, has been approached regarding his going on the State Board of Agriculture; Reeves Noland, of Waynesville, is wanted for the State Highway Commission, but will likely stay on the Board of Agriculture; and it would seem a safe bet that Carroll Wilson, of Roanoke Rapids, will be replaced on the State Highway Commission, and Hort Doughton, of Statesville, on the Board of Conservation and Development.

RETURN—How much are you getting from your investments? Well, State employees don't make much, but those who are stockholders in the State Employees Credit Union—largest in the State—received a 3 per cent dividend last week.

NOTES—Reese Hart, Raleigh Times sports editor, is planning to join the Merchant Marine—W. P. Hedrick, of Taylorsville, former tobacco marketing expert with the State and now a captain with the army of occupation in the Philippines, has applied for a discharge—Blackburn Johnson, former editor of Farmers Federation, in Asheville, and former editor of Carolina Cooperator, is in France, a lieutenant with the Allied Military Government—If you have ever been to an auction sale of dairy cattle in this State, you have probably heard Jim McCord as an auctioneer. Well, he is now only the Governor of Tennessee—Possessed of a good figger, baby blue eyes, and a Colgate smile, Mrs. Marie Page, of Kinston, is easily the best looking of the committee secretaries in the Legislature—You should see some of the fiery letters Senator J. W. Bailey has received from high-ranking State Democrats within the past two weeks, about his opposition to Wallace.

## Do You Remember?

### TEN YEARS AGO

Rev. W. N. Cook, secretary of the Tuckaseegee Association and pastor of the Baptist churches at Webster, Tuckaseegee and Glenville, was elected president of the Jackson Ministerial Association at the initial meeting of that organization Monday morning at the Cullowhee Baptist church Rev. R. M. Hardee, pastor of the Cullowhee Methodist church, was elected secretary.

Sylva High girls defeated Sylva All-Stars, 13-7 and Sylva boys downed the Canton "Y" quint 32-25 in a double basketball attraction here Tuesday night.

101 names of local people were on the telegram sent from here to President Roosevelt on his birthday. The cost of this message will aid in the fight against infantile paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Marsh, who have lived here for several years, have moved to Waynesville. Mr. Marsh is still employed by the State Highway department. The Jackson County Adult school teachers are sponsoring an exhibit of the work done by the students enrolled in their classes, Jan. 31-Feb. 2. Mrs. Selma B. Middleton is chairman of the ERE work in the county. She is assisted by nine other teachers.

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Rev. T. F. Deitz, after serving as

pastor of the Beta church for eleven years, has resigned. This is the first time in nearly forty that this preacher has not carried a full supply of pastoral work. He will do some supply work and evangelistic work. The Beta church is one of the oldest in the county.

Mr. H. A. Richbourg of West Asheville has bought the Higdon Motor Company and will take charge of the business next week.

Mr. Carl Fisher, who has been with the Gulf Oil, has resigned to accept a position with the Murray Radio Co. The Parents-Teachers Association observed Fathers' night last Friday evening in the Chamber of Commerce hall, with Prof. A. C. Reynolds as speaker. Mr. Lewis Moore furnished music for the occasion.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club, it was voted that the club take over the library. It was thru the efforts of Mr. C. C. Buchanan, club president with the co-operation of others that it was made possible for Sylva to have a public library. Miss Mabel Swain and Miss Marguerite Stein have offered their services as assistant librarians.

Sylva High's basketball team was in fine shape last week, winning two games from the Cherokee Indian cagers and two from the Whittier School.

Before buying farm lands, inexperienced buyers should consult the county agent or N. C. State College.

## An Open Letter To The Adults Of Sylva

The following is the most pertinent appeal that has come through this office in a long time. What response are we going to make to it? To The Grown People Of Sylva:

We protest! We absolutely protest! We young people are getting tired of running around this town with nothing to do. Will somebody in this half awake town wake up? You sit around pitying us because we have nothing to do, and wondering why somebody doesn't do something about it. Grown-ups, it's up to you. We are ready and willing to help. We would be only too glad to help in any way that we can. You have a club house here that is going to waste. We would enjoy using it. If you will cooperate, we promise that running the streets at late hours and "sitting around in cafes" will absolutely stop. This is the only thing that we have for recreation. Establish a place at the club house with cool drinks and maybe a "Juke box". We could take care of the expenses We will do all of the cleaning and anything that we can do. Maybe somebody would be willing to chaperone us; a different person two nights a week would not be hard on anybody. If you, Mr. Mayor, (and we are sure you will) would back us up and see us about it, we can talk it over with you. Grown-ups, if you do not help us, you are failing in your duties as parents. This is your job as well as ours. Wake up Sylva. You can prevent this.

The High School Kids of Sylva

### THE BUSHMASTERS

Would you like to hear a story Of an army and its fate? I'll tell of a Jap army When they met the One Five Eight.

Now you see we're not Commandos Nor some mighty Ranger's band, But the darnedest fighting unit, From the land of Uncle Sam.

Now our home is in the jungle We stole our name from a jungle snake, We're the tireless Bushmasters Of the fighting One Five Eight.

Men from the plains from Arizona Born and raised 'neath western stars, Trained in the worst of jungle To protect this land of ours.

Then came the fatal Sunday Chilled the blood of every man, The attack upon Pearl Harbor From the Island of Japan.

Came the call for well trained soldiers For this war of Hell and Hate, So, 3,000 men were chosen For the fighting One Five Eight.

There were Indians, there were Spanish, From the East to the Golden Gate, There were Yankees, there were Rebels, In the fighting One Five Eight.

No one knows when they are coming No one knows from whence they came, But they all have heard the story And the terror of our name.

Out of the silence of the jungle Some have heard our battle cry, Few have lived to tell the story "We shall win, or we shall die."

When this war is finally over And Japan has set her fate, She'll beg the humble pardon Of the fighting ONE FIVE EIGHT....

GRADY L. PAINTER... and dedicated to his Infantry in the Pacific.

### Dillsboro Home Destroyed

The John Mason home at Dillsboro was destroyed by fire early Friday night. Damage was estimated at \$1500.00. The Sylva Fire Dept. was called to the fire but it had gained too much headway before the truck could reach the scene.

### Transferred From Coast Guard To Infantry

Lt.-Sgt. Thad B. Deitz has recently been changed from the U. S. Coast Guard where he has served for 14 years, to the Infantry. He is now stationed in Camp Howze, Texas, where he has been sent for twelve weeks' advance training.

One-third of the heifer calves now saved and raised for replacement purposes turn out to be unprofitable cows. A new method is being tested for judging the four-month-old heifer calf.

"I call upon the millions of victory gardeners who have done so much to swell the nation's food supply in these war years to continue their good work," President Roosevelt says.