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 (One Day Nearer Victory)

## Dangerous Legislation

Last week the county board of elections placed in our hands copies of the five proposed amendments to the Constitution which the people of this state will be called upon to vote next week. We admit that we have not had time to go into each as thoroughly as we would like. Four of the amendments look all right to us. They might not bring any great and revolutionary good to the state, but they are shaped up to improve conditions.

But in one of the amendments we find symptoms of lurking and potent danger—danger to our democratic form of government. We don't like the idea of handing over to the state superintendent of education more authority than the Governor has today.

The amendment, number three, to which we refer has to do with the changes in control of the public school system of the state. If this amendment is passed the present office of the comptroller of the State Board of Education set up by the Constitutional amendment passed two years ago, would be discontinued.

If this office should be abolished it would mean that the state superintendent of public instruction would be not only responsible for the policies of the public schools of the state, but also for the entire financial program of expenditures for schools. The schools of the state are expecting to receive around \$80,000,000 for their support during the coming biennium.

While we do not mean to discredit the ability of the state superintendent of schools, we doubt if there is a man in the state of North Carolina, or any other state, who would be capable of directing the professional policies of public schools and yet have the business astuteness to control the entire financial system. Even if such a super educator could be found we don't want him in North Carolina. He sounds too much like a Hitler understudy government official. This country was not founded upon such ideals and we don't want to start them at this critical time.

We are afraid that we have not been giving our educational system enough consideration of late years or we would not have had things get out of hand to such an extent. We don't believe that the people of this state are going to vote for such an undemocratic idea. They are certainly not going to do so if they are informed in time.

There are said to be 24,000 school superintendents, principals and teachers in the state. If the superintendent of education does justice by his duties as directing the professional end he has a full sized job. There should be other offices to be responsible for the direction of the finances.

We are making an appeal in the name of good sound democratic government to the people of Haywood County to vote against this amendment, for the sake of the public schools and their future.

Vote against proposed number three.

## Should Have

"Poverty-Stricken Count Weds Untitled Heiress." Headline. No imagination. The headline should have read: "A Count Marries Accountant."—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

You can still ride your hobbies. They don't require tires.

## Some Confusion

In view of some confusion among voters in the state as to the effect of the proposed Constitutional amendment to abolish the Constitutional requirement of private examination of a wife for sale of a homestead, the following explanation has been issued from the office of the Attorney General:

"The proposed amendment would eliminate from Article XI, Sec. 8, of the Constitution the requirement for private interrogation of a wife in the sale of a homestead and would only make necessary her signature and acknowledgement in conveyance of a homestead.

"The statutes now require, however, a private interrogation of a wife in all conveyance of real property in which she has an interest. Adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution would give to the General Assembly the right to consider the feasibility of removing this requirement in other conveyances involving the property rights of a married woman as now set forth in the statutes.

"A married woman now can dispose of personal property without the consent of her husband, but she must have the written consent of her husband to dispose of real property. This is not altered in any way by the proposed amendment."

## A Warning

We hear a good deal today about Woodrow Wilson's plans for the League of Nations and how his crusade was in vain. America did not enter the World League. Her statesmen did not agree with the president. Wilson tried to look into the future. He knew that unless some air tight agreement was entered into by the nations of the world another war would follow.

We have to face the same issues again. We are in the making of another world organization for peace. The same decisions that went into the attempt to set up such an organization a quarter of a century ago await the leaders of the world.

We are being given another opportunity to put into practice the ideals of world peace outlined by Woodrow Wilson. Will we take advantage of that opportunity?

We are wondering if the leaders in this nation will have the wisdom of Wilson to cope with the situation. We are wondering if they will fail to get the world wide vision. The world in which we live today is much smaller by means of transportation than that of Woodrow Wilson. We live closer together. America can no longer claim to be set far apart in the Atlantic and the Pacific—so far away that it is protected by its isolation. Will this be considered when the final terms are set down.

May the shades of Wilson cast their shadows of warning over the peace councils of today.

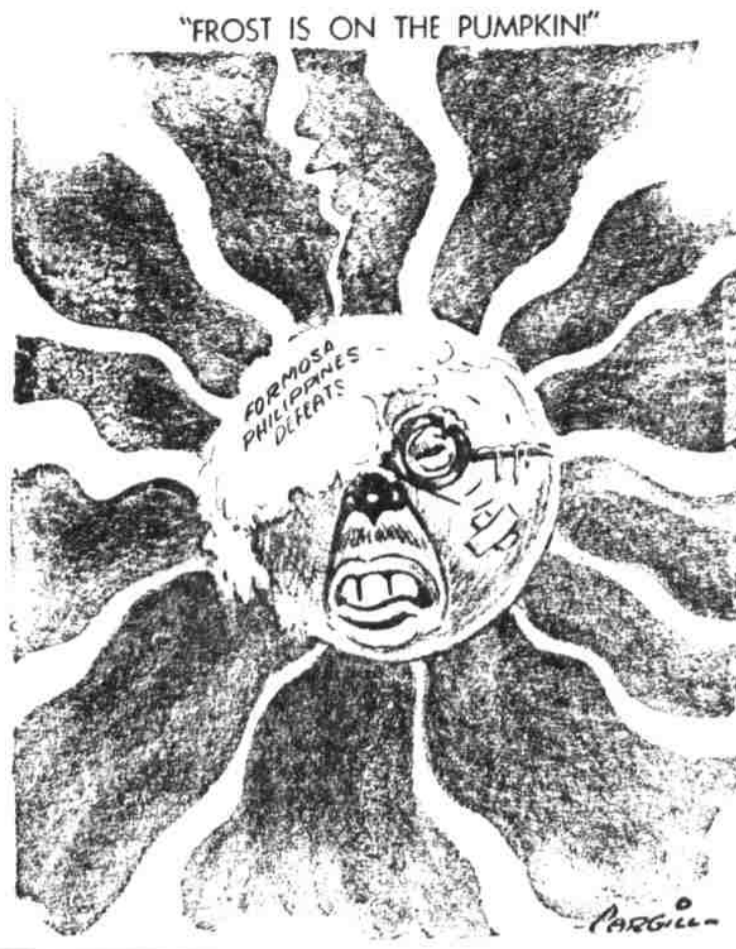
## A Large Order

We see where the Advisory Budget Commission of the state has under consideration the largest appropriations request ever made in the history of North Carolina. Its decisions will not be made public until they are recommended in appropriations bill for the 1945-47 General Assembly.

State departments and agencies have asked the Budget Commission for the "staggering" sums of \$74,648,038 for 1945-46 and \$74,892,611 for 1946-1947. In addition to these requests for nearly \$150,000,000 in maintenance, the commission was asked for \$45,266,000 for a long-range program of permanent improvements—which does not include a request for a new school for feeble-minded negroes, an institution for spastic children and an extensive medical care outlay to cover the entire state, which is expected also to come up.

The uncertainty of how things are going to shape during the next two years makes it a rather difficult problem to work out. While the General Fund revenue for the state amounted to \$75,622,101 for 1943-44, the revenue officials are not expecting that much money during the current fiscal year, and certainly not that much for each of the years of the next biennium.

It is said that more than likely estimates of revenue for the 1945-47 biennium will be made on the assumption that the war in Europe will be over before June 30, 1945, and that some peacetime adjustment will begin to take place soon after the end of the war with Germany. But estimating revenues for the next biennium will have to be pure guesswork, for no one can tell just what is going to happen.



## HERE and THERE

By  
 HILDA WAY GWYN

Driving by the State Tubercular Sanitorium at Black Mountain one night last week, we were startled by the lights streaming from every window, with the realization of the large number of people who are fighting this disease. The next day a copy of the Sanitorium Sun came in the mail. We read with interest an article by Dr. Paul C. Pedigo on how the schools, parent teacher and other organizations in the community may help in the prevention and eradication of tuberculosis. Perhaps one reason we read with so much interest was the fact that we could not see a room without a light in that large building near Black Mountain, that even looked bigger against the dark sky than it does in the day time. We thought of the battles that men, women and children are fighting today, not in war, but to gain back their health. There are many issues regard the World War over which we have no control, but this matter of health and health education is a responsibility that rests right at our door.

To take the attitude, "I can have the services of a doctor any time I need them, and the community is not my problem," is like the ostrich burying its head in the sands. We do not know when we may contact someone, maybe not so fortunate who will pass on their germs. If the communities of this state had done their duty our tubercular sanatoriums would not be filled to overflowing. Dr. Padige asked the question, "How long shall we continue to have tuberculosis?" and his answer is, "We shall continue to have tuberculosis just as long as the general public does so little toward its control and eradication." That may seem an unusual statement, but the disease is preventable and curable. This is likewise true of smallpox, diphtheria and typhoid. While the latter are being successfully controlled with vaccines, the prevention and control of tuberculosis depends solely upon hygiene and an intelligent understanding of the disease by the public in general.

Take our own community. We have the facilities right here with which to fight this dreaded disease. We have an excellent health department where every citizen of the county is entitled to go and have a test made. There are battles to be fought right here at home as well as on the front lines. These patients in the Sanitorium at Black Mountain include many age groups, families have been broken up just as the casualty lists coming from overseas are doing. Yet there was a cheerful side to those lights gleaming in the darkness of night. Through carelessness of someone these people had been stricken, but they are being given a chance back to health. But the crusade of health should be stressed from the standpoint of prevention, then the curing program would not be so extensive.

Perhaps one reason we were so health minded was the fact that we had visited that same afternoon the Infantile Paralysis Emergency Hospital in Hickory, where such wonderful work is being done.

The new edition of "Who's Who in American Poetry," will contain a poem by a Haywood county woman. None other than Miss Adah Manning Young, assistant librarian at the county library. Miss Young is a native of Virginia but has been living in Clyde since 1923, so we are claiming her. In a recent volume, "Of America We Sing" a patriotic anthology of poems and lyrics, dedicated to the American Armed forces, there are four lyrics by Miss Young. They include, "We will light up the campfires Down in Dixie," "Primrose Lane," and "Moonlight Through the Mimosa," the latter has been set

to music by the late Luther A. Clark, who arranged the music for, "When It's Springtime in the Rockies." This poem by Miss Young was selected for the "Who's Who in American Poetry," as an example of contemporary American poetry by a group of well-known publishers in New York and the volume will also contain a biographical sketch of the writer.

The poem which has gained such recognition follows:

**MOONLIGHT THROUGH THE MIMOSA**  
 When the mimosa trees are swaying in the breeze,  
 I'm waiting 'neath a radiant moon for you.  
 Strains of a lover's song are lightly borne along  
 While we linger beside a lagoon that's blue.

Thoughts of you will taunt me,  
 dreams of you will haunt me  
 When streams the Moonlight  
 Through The Mimosa.  
 June-time or December, ever I'll remember  
 Your face in Moonlight Through  
 The Mimosa.

I'll love you what'er betide through  
 life down to eventide;  
 Without you the world's empty,  
 heaven where you chance to be.  
 Night-time's realm enchanted, we  
 will take for granted  
 Beneath the Moonlight Through  
 The Mimosa.

There is so much to dampen one's happiness these days that when "before the war type of joy" is registered about us it give a flow of reflected warmth. Take the Glenn C. Palmer family, they have been radiant with son Joe home from the South Pacific and son-in-law B. F. Nesbit home on furlough. Then there are the Ben Colkitt's, they have had a mighty pleased look during the past week. Bobby, AMM, was home for the first time in 18 months. Then take that long line of people last Saturday afternoon who stood with expectant faces and that look of "being thankful for which they were about to receive," waiting their turn to get some of the "fatted calf," bought by the First National Bank at the Fat Calf show. Of course none of the 200 or more looked hungry exactly, but they were waiting to get at that Siler barbecued meat—and who wouldn't if they had ever once tasted it.

**Kill Extraction Pain**  
 The severe pain of a dry socket after tooth extraction can be relieved by injections of vitamin B. It is said.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN



# Inside WASHINGTON

Pacific Drive Demands Many More Cargo Ships | West Coast Now Lacking Enough Port Facilities

Special to Central Press

● **WASHINGTON**—Despite the smashing progress of American forces in the Pacific, military and naval leaders are greatly concerned about the lack of shipping to handle the supplies and needed for the big show in the Far East.

Even the collapse of Germany will not greatly relieve the shipping shortage immediately. It will take time to shift men and materiel over the vast distances.

**Demand** Rear Adm. Carleton H. Wright, commander of the Twelfth Naval District, on the Pacific coast, has his finger on the problem recently when he pointed out that at present about 200 ships are open and that actually 600 will be needed as the communication lines lengthen.

Reducing the problem to simple terms, Wright explained that usually 600 ships are needed to keep 200 going all the time, 200 bound, 200 eastbound and 200 loading or discharging cargo.

Another big problem is the lack of port facilities on the Pacific coast to handle the amount of shipping. Most of the big ports on the east coast, and loading them on the Atlantic means a haul either through the Panama canal or through the Mediterranean and the Suez canal.

However, a big step-up in operations is expected in the Pacific within a few months after the collapse of German resistance.

● **JUST HOW EFFECTIVE** the state department's suspension of American shipping to Argentina will be remains to be seen though on Oct. 1 all United States ships were to cease calling goods at Argentine ports, that country's products still can be obtained in other bottoms.

The hides, mica, flaxseed, tungsten, linseed oil, corn, etc., we import from Argentina still can be hauled by Spanish, Brazilian, Portuguese, Peruvian, Argentine and, for the time being at least, British ships.

It was learned by the state department that United States has ordered 100 million bushels of corn to be delivered from Argentina this year.

Argentine embassy sources maintain that Argentina has a long private shipping industry which, they claim, can sustain the States-Argentine trade almost up to normal.

● **OMAR B. KETCHUM**, legislative officer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, foresees restlessness far exceeding that of World War veterans when men now traveling far, wide and handsomely—and dangerously—try to settle down to routine jobs.

The older vets can recall their first several years out of uniform. They changed jobs in many cases just to be on the move. This time, because the movement of men has been farther, faster and oftener, that will be greater, Ketchum predicts.

And complicating it will be a financial angle that did not so importantly after World War I. Thousands of youths in their 20s are holding posts today beyond what most of them can find, if, if at all, in civilian life.

Ketchum cited the case of his own son. Before the war, he the youth had a job cutting meat. Now he's an Air Force officer in charge of a crew of nine men and responsible for a bomber worth tens of thousands of dollars. Thousands of others like him are going to be happy going back to being ribbon clerks, Ketchum declares.

## The Voice Of The People

Do you think that the German people will fight to a finish as ordered by Hitler, or do you believe that they will rebel before the surrender of Germany?

Dr. Sam Strangfield—"I think they will be glad to surrender as soon as they can do so safely for their own protection."

A. E. Wood—"I believe there is a minority who would like to surrender now, but I think the majority will fight to the finish."

Miss E. M. McKay—"I think they will fight to the finish."

Joe Tate—"I believe that they will rebel against Hitler's orders, rather than fight to the finish."

Miss Margaret Johnston—"No, I think they will fight to the end, for already there are signs that they will not follow Hitler's orders."

Robert Pearce—"As long as Hitler holds control of things and the Gestapo are in charge under him, they will fight, but when and if he loses control they might surrender."

Carl A. Bischoff—"I think the Germans are a bunch of cowards to let Hitler lead them and they will fight to the finish under him."

William Chambers—"I believe some of the younger men will be afraid not to follow Hitler, but I

believe that some of the old are ready to give up now."

John Boyd—"I think the generation would be glad today, but I believe that they have grown up in the shadow of Hitler's rule will fight to the finish."

Mrs. E. F. Waters—"I believe that the Germans will fight to the end."

## TRANSACTIONS Real Estate

(Re Recorded to Monday Of This Week)

Baerdom Township

Lon R. Goodson, et ux

Fore, et ux.

Daisey Buckner to J. C.

et ux.

Gudger W. Broow-hire,

Alvin A. Mills, et ux.

Hubert L. Park, et ux to

L. Limer, et ux.

James E. Henderson, et

Lon R. Goodson, et ux.

Cecil Tompkins

Ned Moody to Alma

Clayde Tompkins

Bon-A-Venture, Inc. to

M. Pickens.

Bon-A-Venture, Inc. to

Glenn.

Pigeon Township

L. L. Chambers, et ux to

Chambers, et ux.

Waynesville Township

R. L. Lee, Executor, et

Davis, et ux.

John M. Queen, et ux to

Hortt, et ux.

Dixie Fire Ins. Company

A. L. Brooks, Trustee to

Smathers, et ux.

L. S. Gaudin, et ux to

Spitzer, et ux.

M. G. Stamey, Trustee

and Buck, Inc.

M. G. Stamey, Com. to

Lay, et ux.

Entombed in a gold box

In a gold box, carefully sealed

in Tut-anh-amen's tomb was

a mass of roses, still exuding

perfume after thousands of

years.

Preservation

Peanut Oil for War

Twenty-five per cent of the

oil production is being reserved

refineries to assure adequate

titles for essential war uses.

Buy War Bonds and