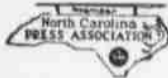


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States Rights Again

In the recent squabble in the Senate over the bill providing machinery for the Soldiers vote in the elections next year, apparently the sponsors of the original measure feel that the individual states of this great union are too weak or have been too greatly stripped of their individual powers to handle their own elections.

Mr. Senator Barkley, he of the domestic war-front of Kentucky, should know better, but he has asserted that the bill, as passed, would no more give the soldiers a vote than would a resolution by "the Ladies Aid or the Rotary Club." Perhaps he thinks the states have been so emasculated by recent "progressive legislation" that they are not now able to handle the ballot boxes.

Yet, recent legislative actions by the several states have provided for the soldier vote and the act passed by Congress has given them the responsibility of securing it. That is as it should be.

Too many rights and powers of the states have been assumed by our paternalistic Federal bureaucracy and it will be only by our vote that these rights may be regained by the states.

Ceiling Prices

Today we carry OPA's list of ceiling prices which became effective December first for stores in Hoke. Housewives will do well to study this list thoroughly, or better, cut it out of the paper and place it with their shopping lists so that a ready reference can be made to it while shopping.

Most prepared food articles and the sizes of the various packages are listed for the Group 1 and 2 stores. Each store has its group number posted. If not, ask the proprietor into what group his store has been classed. Then, correct ceiling prices may be determined. Refuse to pay more than that listed.

This is not an effort to try to trick the store owner into trouble. It is an effort to keep down inflationary prices and only through the shopper's insistence that store owners cooperate with the OPA can fair prices be maintained.

The American Way

One of the interesting little sidelights of the conferences of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshall Stalin was the report of the toast the Russians' leader made, all out of a clear sky, to the great accomplishment of American industry. "Without American production," he said, "the United Nations could not have won the war."

And that is something, coming from the leader of a communist controlled nation where everything is the State and where each individual is but a cog in the great wheel of government. Perhaps, under another form of government than we have, we could have attained the high peaks of production of war materials for ourselves and our allies. Then, perhaps not. The American way has been the individual and independent way. In the few industries and public services which we have permitted our government to operate we have experienced too great confusion and too much division of authority for them to ever reach peak productions. And none ever operated thusly has paid its way. All have had to be subsidized heavily by the public treasury.

It is a great tribute to the American way of private ownership and private control that Stalin, the epitome of Statism in his office as supreme leader of the Communists of Russia, should so pay tribute to our American industry of farming and manufacturing.

Recognize Kitty Hawk—Officially

Everybody, that is everybody but the stubborn members of our national legislature, has recognized for many years that the Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, made the first sustained flight through the air in a machine that was heavier than air. This week Congress officially recognized the fact.

In the early history of the flying machine to another was accredited the honor of its invention. It has taken forty years to right the first official mistake. On December 17th, the fortieth anniversary of their first flight, we of North Carolina will honor the Wright brothers with a special to-do at Kitty Hawk, and, on that date, an engrossed copy of the Congressional action in recognition of "nation's gratitude and respect for this signal and astounding contribution to the progress of the world" will be presented to the surviving brother, Orville, at his home in Dayton, Ohio.

Ironically, here in North Carolina this week the Army in a maneuver is using this same invention of the Wrights in one of the greatest airborne troop movements ever attempted by our armed forces. That the innocent little crate of the Wrights with its weak, one-cylinder motor should have grown in so brief a time into the single most important item of warfare is a tragic example of the uses to which so-called civil-

ization has put many of our greatest inventions and discoveries, which in peaceful times are such a great benefit to humanity.

Yet, that the warlords would take the airplane and make it into a powerful instrument of destruction probably was not even thought of by the Wrights when they were building their first machine in that little bicycle shop forty years ago. They most certainly do not deserve the remarks of Senator Clark, who said in the Senate this week that the Kitty Hawk flight "is probably the greatest disaster that has happened to mankind. . . I do not think there is any question that the Wright brothers, high as were their motives, probably contributed more to the disasters of mankind than any other two men who ever lived in the history of the world."

OPINIONS and SENTIMENTS

From Other Editors

Honor For Dr. Poe.

Charlotte Observer.

Few, if any, in the nation could more worthily and usefully serve on the Federal Board for Vocational Education than Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, editor of The Progressive Farmer, and among the strongest leaders in both educational and agricultural affairs in North Carolina.

The Senate has confirmed the President's nomination of Dr. Poe to this important post and the people of this State, who have long honored his name and appreciated his powerful services, will be rejoiced that his abilities have thus been recognized and that his many-sided capacities are to have this wider reach of achievement.

Whose Ox Is Gored

Fayetteville Observer

The German radio and press is screaming with moral indignation over the bombing of Berlin. The Allies have an obvious answer to make, but the answer comes with more impressiveness from a neutral source.

Commenting on the destruction wrought in Berlin, a Stockholm newspaper last week expressed sympathy but reminded the Germans that the responsibility rested on the Axis nations which introduced air bombing of civilians in Ethiopia, Spain, Poland, the Netherlands, Yugoslavia and England.

At this reminder, Hitler's Volkischer Beobachter accused the Swedish press of showing "a satanic joy at Germany's sufferings." In answer, the Stockholm liberal journal Dagens Nyheter writes: "In placing the primary responsibility on the Axis powers, the organs of Swedish public opinion have referred only to well-known historic facts. 'If the German propaganda now wants to change those facts, that is none of the business of the Swedish press and radio. It would in fact be much harder to find expressions of 'satanic joy' in the Swedish press today than it was in German papers three years ago when the German air fleet tried to destroy London."

December Seventh

Christian Science Monitor

President Roosevelt has rightly vetoed a resolution of Congress which would set aside December 7 as Armed Services Honor Day. It would be ironic indeed if celebration of this day down the years should result in its being thought of as a holiday. December 7 was a day of dishonor, and at least discredit, for all but the relatively few Americans who bore the brunt of Japanese treachery at Pearl Harbor, and even for some of them the right to honor is not yet clearly established.

Just as Americans could not imagine how the attack came so near to fulfilling Japanese aims, so they do not yet completely know, as a nation, why it occurred. Where were the gaps in the military defenses? But also, where were the gaps in the political thinking of Americans that permitted the pre-Pearl Harbor invasion—the invasion of a great and intelligent country by the delusion that it was immune from attack?

The military gaps have been closed. But have the breaches in America's mental defenses been filled in with nation-wide understanding of the truly international basis of American security? When the votes of the people and the sayings of their Senators on foreign policy issues offer proof that they have, December 7 might be eligible for suitable observance as the day the isolationists began to wake up, having been kicked out of bed first.

As President Roosevelt seems to feel, a day that begins like that is not the most promising sort for a holiday. Nor is it appropriate for honoring a young generation whose sacrifices must make up for the ignorance of an older one. The date for an Armed Services Honor Day will surely come. It could be that day on which Americans take, on behalf of peace—and at whatever risks they must—as inspiring and effective action as the armed services are now taking on behalf of victory.

Ten Leaders

Newsweek referred the question as to who are the 10 more widely recognized leaders in the United States to 70 specially selected judges and "qualified independent students of public affairs" who come up with the choice of General Marshall, President Roosevelt, Secretary Hull, Wendell Wilkie, General Eisenhower, Bernard Baruch, Henry J. Kaiser, General MacArthur, Donald Nelson and Admiral King.

And the selections were made in the above order.

General Marshall got all of the 70 votes with the exception of four and the President all except five.

It is somewhat significant that Mr. Wilkie commanded only 47 of the 70 and Admiral King brought up the rear with a total of only 23.

News Behind New News

Paul Mallons column which ordinarily occupies this space was not received this week in time for publication. It will be here next week.

School News

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rience and appreciation. Through public school music the child is able to recognize his talents in music; and for students who possess special ability and interest, band, private piano and voice lessons are available.

There are three teachers of piano throughout the grammar and high school. Piano offers the child basic music theory as well as a chance to express himself through the medium of the piano. Vocal training, too, is offered for those students who are particularly interested in developing their voices.

There are thirty-six high school students and seven grammar grade students receiving band instruction. Over half of these are in the major band which performs for assembly and public functions. Each band member chooses an instrument suited to his interest and begins lessons in small classes. These small groups learn the fundamentals of their chosen instruments and soon begin to make simple tones. After they have mastered good tones, they learn their notes, scales, signatures, timing, and very soon, they are able to play simple melodies. These small groups form a band within their own classes in order to learn to play together correctly. For those students who are more advanced the class period is spent in smoothing out rough places in music that the major band is playing, and learning or reviewing scales.

Music appreciation is taught through a study of moods, good tones, techniques, and composers, of compositions being practiced. Emphasis is placed on a consideration of contemporary musical events. The students are enthusiastic about their band work and are looking forward to obtaining uniforms through the aid of the community.

The band made its first public appearance at the Halloween Carnival. Since then, they have paraded several times. On November 3 the band gave a short concert at the Court House for members of the Lumbec Electric Co-operative.

At the November meeting of the Music Club the band was represented by the following members: Luke McNeill (clarinet), Alfred Cole (saxophone), George White (trumpet), Betsy Ann Cole (mellophone), Mary Grey Helton (baritone) and Retha Howell (drum).

At the same meeting Elsie Upchurch sang. The chorus of Hoke County High boasts about fifty active members. Their work includes three part and four part songs and emphasis is now being placed on Christmas music in preparation for a part in a recital at the High School Friday, December 17th.

The music department of Hoke County High and Raeford Graded Schools will sponsor a Silver Music Festival to be held at the High School, Friday evening, December 17 at 8:00 P. M., presenting the piano pupils of Mrs. A. P. Stewart and Mrs. W. E. Cook, and featuring the high school glee club and band under the direction of Miss Buena Baldwin. A Silver offering will be received at the close of the recital in order to help defray the expense of the repair of the pianos in both schools. Friends and patrons of the school are cordially invited to attend this program in which many of our musical young people are taking part.

Edinburgh Musings And News

Master David Hinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hinson, is doing nicely after having his tonsils removed last Thursday at Red Springs.

Master Clyde Poole, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Poole, is getting along fine after having his tonsils removed last Thursday.

Mrs. Belva Huggins, residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Poole is spending a few days with friends in Clo.

Mrs. Marie Wallace who resides at the home of her brother, Mr. W. H. Wallace, Sr., spent the week end visiting her brother Mr. Arlie Wallace in Dillon, S. C.

Mrs. Gertrude Childers and son Michael of Anderson, S. C., spent the week end at the home of her sister-in-law Mrs. W. H. Wallace, Jr.

Mrs. Winnie Childers of Fort Mills, S. C. spent the week end visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Wallace, Jr.

Treat In A Nut Shell
If every man knew what every department discovers, everyone would be happy.

Hindley, . . .
With our . . .
Treat . . .
With its "Eat and Read us too."

This is a job we never started
But when we finish Germany
We will send the . . .
To the . . .

CO-OPERATION IS WINNING THROUGH!



POOLE'S MEDLEY

By D. SCOTT POOLE

On the 8th day of December, 1896 there was an eight-inch snow. We went rabbit hunting, but we did not start one. Other groups reporting their luck on that day, one bunch caught 90 and another crowd caught 120. They had dogs.

Raeford, N. C., Dec. 9th, 1904
Mr. and Mrs. Public: Dear friends,
I seat myself, and take my pen in hand to drop you these few lines. This leaves me well and and enjoying good health, and hoping these few lines may find you enjoying the same blessing. Tell Preacher Trawick you saw me.

Yours truly,
Scottie.
I think mighty little of a man's education if he can't spell a word more than one way. We need to have a big spelling class and we felt it an honor to get head marks.

"A little nonsense now and then, is relished by the wisest men—and women."

A few days ago I read "Let the Hurricane Roar" in Readers' Digest. The story purports to be a recital of the experiences of a 19-year-old boy and a 16-year-old girl who married and went west and homesteaded a quarter section of government land. The experience of many folks in the south after the Civil War would be equally thrilling. But that's a good story.

I knew a young fellow, who was chipping his first crop of 8,000 back boxes, who occasionally pulled 6,000 boxes for another man. But he did not take on the extra pulling boxes for a regular job. Winslow McCork, milk colored told me he pulled 20,000 boxes in a week, 10,000 was a slave's task.

The Germans threaten occasionally to use a secret, death dealing discovery they will use some time soon if they are "diven to it." They boast they can destroy one-third of the human race in a short time. I do not believe they would hesitate a moment to use such a device if they had it.

I am glad and thankful our great country has never sought more territory. Ours has never been a land grabber. Daniel Webster said: "May our country be the greatest and brightest star in the nations. May she ever make her way by enlightening of mankind and cheering of mankind, and not as a meteor of fire and bloodshed." Once ours was the asylum of the oppressed of the whole earth.

"But work or rest, whatever befall, The farmer, he must feed them all," and he is called a chronic grumbler. The folks say: Just look what he has done and is doing for him—meaning the farmer—and at the same time they shun as a pestilence any farming experience.

I believe farm produce or prices should be stabilized. Few persons can be able to live happily without knowing for a certainty what he will do in the near future. Since I have lived, all farmers have lived by guess, except those for whom prices were fixed.

This abattoir Hoke County owns and is operating will prove a help to farmers and other citizens who produce their own meats. It is well managed, they do good work, and at reasonable cost. That will be a great help. It is co-operation in this line. If it makes a clear dollar, the taxpayers will be the beneficiaries.

I do not recall ever seeing warm weather in the first part of December as we have had recently. The weather has been changeable. Warm one part of a day, and a cooler part of the day. Monday afternoon the wind
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OUR DEMOCRACY by Mat

MARCH TOWARD SECURITY.

IN MEDIEVAL TIMES MEN SOUGHT SECURITY BY BANDING THEMSELVES TOGETHER IN GUILDS WHICH LIMITED THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AND RESTRICTED THEIR ACTIVITIES AND BY PASSING THE HAT FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS OR ORPHANS OF MEMBERS. THEY SACRIFICED FREEDOM AND HAD QUESTIONABLE SECURITY.



IN OUR DEMOCRACY MEN ARE FREE TO CHOOSE THEIR WORK AND CAN MAKE DEFINITE AND DEPENDABLE PROVISION FOR THEIR FAMILIES—BY PUTTING PART OF WHAT THEY EARN TODAY INTO SUCH SOLID SECURITY AS IS FOUND IN WAR BONDS, LIFE INSURANCE AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.