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The cry for peace comes from everywhere, except from those getting price-and-a-half for overtime in the munitions plants.

Jack Garner's manager claims that Texas is unanimous for him for the presidency. That would have to include Mr. Roosevelt's son, Elliott.

Wearing Out Our Soils

"We are making substantial progress toward soil conservation, yet few realize that all we have done is only a start in the right direction," says Secretary Wallace while reminding that in spite of governmental efforts and all the planning to educate the public to the need for a comprehensive program, American farm land is wearing out faster than it is being restored.

Secretary Wallace counts this a serious problem that must be dealt with in a definite and constructive way, rather than by spending so much time theorizing about it. Rare indeed is the landowner who does not have abandoned acres that have been mercilessly worn to a frazzle. According to the old agricultural plan one used a plot of ground as long as it would produce, then deserted it for newly cleared land, and proceeded to wear that out. Then there was plenty of woodland and timber to waste. Now there is not. The depletion of our forests has become as serious as the loss to our soil.

Because the government in extending its favor to agriculturists has been basing its beneficences on the provision looking to soil conservation; because in the program of crop control the landowner must conform to these provisions or fail to receive this assistance, he becomes irked and rebels against what he is pleased to call government autocracy. He doesn't like to be bossed around that way. What he doesn't seem to realize is that this insistence is a blessing in disguise.

Right now the government is concerning itself about the tenant and share-cropper. In the program of the Farm Security Administration, which extends farm purchase and rehabilitation loans to these farmers, there is the provision that no loans will be approved when the would-be buyer's farm plan provides for growing only one cash crop. That, too, is calculated to gripe the tenant, share-cropper class, at first, but when the more ambitious among them realize that they have an equity, covering many years, in the soil they till, it is not too much to hope that eventually they, too, will come to understand that they are being helped instead of hindered.

It is understandable that the tenant will not hold interest in the conservation of soil that next year he may not be cultivating. And when the government spends money trying to correct this fault, we who must provide it are inclined to grumble.

What we, along with the farmer, can't or won't see is that when this assets are conserved and not wasted, we are also perpetuating a tax source that eventually may equalize the burden.

Defeated and Disgraced

Two men in a neighbor county were arrested by a highway patrolman who cited them to court on charges of drunken driving. One of them was also charged with driving without license.

Came the day for their hearing in court, the patrolman was there to testify against them—but the case was continued. He was there at the next appointed time, but the case was continued again. Then came a session of the recorder's court with the patrolman absent. The solicitor took a nol pros in both cases, claiming lack of evidence.

And thus justice was defeated at the same time it was disgraced.

Are you interested in the how and why of it? We'll tell you: One of those defendants was an employee of a prominent political leader who likes nothing better than to be regarded as a political boss. When he asks for something it is hard to turn him down—if you are not already ahead of us. The other defendant was friend and neighbor of the high mogul whose political influence has much to do with the election of the county judge and solicitor. That made it much easier for the solicitor to find "lack of evidence," although the patrolman had made the arrest on first-hand knowledge and contact, had made formal accusation and stood ready to testify when the time was ripe.

That sort of thing is happening all over North Carolina, with occasional variations. Yet it is admitted that drunken driving contributes heavily to the death toll on the highways to which our patrolmen are as-

signed to bring a semblance of safety. We continue to give time and thought to the prosecution of safety campaigns, bearing down particularly on the importance of careful driving; the newspapers print reams and reams of pleas for greater caution, and the State is paying good, hard money in trying to educate the public to safer, saner driving.

Early last year, Kansas City's Tom Pendergast was convicted and sent to the pen, for the grossest sort of political bossing. But his spirit is abroad in the land. The difference is in scope, not in principle, when political big-wigs come whispering in the law's ear about—lack of evidence.

The nol pros is a useful tool in the court's economy, but it can be made to serve devilish ends when hitched to influential wire-pulling in cases where officials are too weak to resist.

Maxwell Announces

Commissioner A. J. Maxwell has pitched his hat in the ring in the race for the governorship. He has been running all along, but chose to hold formal announcement until Monday of this week. Others now may be expected to take the plunge—thick and fast, and the prospects are that we will have in North Carolina this year one of the most insistent scramble for votes in the history of the State. There will be opportunity for wide choice of personalities even if issues are not so pronounced.

Mr. Maxwell's announcement was accompanied by an outline of his platform, preambled with this: "The executive responsibilities of this giant enterprise would not be lightly assumed by any man, and should be sought on no other ground than a well-considered purpose to maintain and promote the progress of the State and to use the machinery of government to serve the social and economic welfare of her people."

That is a good-sound foundation upon which to build a platform, and in enlarging on these generalities Mr. Maxwell makes out a good case for himself, although he apparently recognizes the dangers of being more explicit in some of the details that might have a political kick-back.

Concerning the sales tax which Mr. Maxwell once called iniquitous, in his platform he makes this feeble concession from his more recent stand on this important issue: "A stabilized tax system has been achieved and must be maintained. . . . When the time comes that the State can, in justice to its educational and social obligations, modify its tax structure anywhere, there should be general agreement that the last schedule adopted should be the first to be reduced." That is veering slightly from Governor Hoey's pronouncement that the "sales tax is here to stay."

Mr. Maxwell calls for economy; for a continued improvement of service to the people who pay the taxes; for generous support of the public schools; for sustained and intensified effort and interest in public health; for the promotion of agriculture; for conservation of the soil; for a genuine and sympathetic interest in the problems of capital and labor, and deals at length with the subject of improved highways which he says can be achieved without additional taxes.

His is a readable and impressive presentation of his viewpoint on issues of interest in North Carolina. And no candidate is better bolstered by experience in State affairs than Mr. Maxwell, for has he not been sitting among the mighty for how many years?

Then and Now

The records show that the six-cent gasoline levy has averaged better than two million dollars each month for the past year. That means that North Carolina motorists have contributed in this form of revenue alone enough money to operate the entire state government for more than six years in times comparable to 1917, the year when Uncle Sam entered the World War.

During the year just ended the total revenue collected from motorists was in round figures twenty-five million dollars. The State's total tax revenue for 1917, according to the auditor's reports, was less than four million. This year's gasoline tax alone would have footed a state bill of that size for more than six years.

In addition to that twenty-five million turned into the State till by the motorists, they chipped in one cent a gallon, or one-sixth that amount to the federal government, and also around a quarter of a million in the form of a one-quarter cent per gallon "inspection tax." (Incidentally it is figured that "inspection" actually cost less than a fourth of the amount collected for this purpose, so the State again is collecting money to pay for a service it doesn't render.)

So what? Well, if for no other reason, reciting these figures simply to impress how sturdy oaks from little acorns grow; how the pennies left at the filling station become mountains of dollars—that alone is worth their study.

But these figures hold another significance: They show the mounting costs of government; they tell plainly that the government maw is insatiable; that no matter if twice this amount were coming from this source it would be spent. Our statesmen at Raleigh would see to that. Oh, yes, we know that the spending stems from the public demand for increased services, and maybe it is unfair to pin it on the politicians. But there it is—twenty-five million from the tax on gasoline alone in 1939 and \$3,876,149 from all sources in 1917. There's a whole lot of difference, isn't there?

Demonstration of New Mercury Car Here Friday

The Elkin Motor Car Company of this city, will sponsor a special demonstration of the new Mercury 8 here Friday morning, January 5, when special emphasis will be laid on the economical gas consumption of the 1940 models.

The Elkin Motor Car Company, joining with other Ford and Mercury dealers all over the state, are cooperating in a 2,400 mile test run to prove the high mileage that may be attained with the Mercury on each gallon of gas.

The gas mileage test is being made with a Mercury stock car, which will arrive at the Elkin Motor Car Company showrooms at 9:55 a. m. The car will remain here until 10:15 a. m.

All persons attending the demonstration Friday will have an opportunity to compete for attractive prizes. Miniature Mercury automobile savings banks will be presented to each child that brings its parents to the demonstration.

COOL SPRINGS

Considering our nice winter weather, our Sunday school is still doing well. The past three Sundays have been 142, 139 and 134.

There have been lots of visitors in the community during the holidays, and everything has been quiet and peaceful, no drunkenness or disorder.

Mrs. Walter Burcham and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Creed visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Darnell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd H. Linder, of Minneapolis, have returned home after spending the holidays here the guests of Mrs. Linder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Calloway and son, Ward, of Fiegle, Va., spent the holidays visiting relatives here and in the Union Hill community.

Messrs. Todd Kress and Loyd Burgess, of Salisbury, spent Christmas with Mr. Maynard Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newman and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Holcomb at Mooresville Sunday.

Misses Maxine and Kay Holbrook spent Christmas the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Holbrook.

Cool Springs church in special session Sunday called Rev. Grant Cothren to take up the work left vacant by the death of our pastor, Rev. I. W. Vestal. He, like Rev. Vestal, comes to us well recommended, even in his home community.

It was the oft expressed wish of Rev. Vestal that he die in service, and thus we recall the past meeting day with us, when he gave an invitation to the unsaved, in strange prophecy he said, "There will perhaps be a vacancy among us ere the next meeting," so his last words in our church was an earnest call to the boys and girls to give God first place in their lives.

THURMOND

We are sorry to note the unusual amount of sickness in this community. Those on the sick list are as follows: W. G. Simmons, Dora Holcomb, Sylvia Norman and Sarah Durham.

Paul Calloway and Raymond Simmons, of U. N. C., Chapel Hill, spent the holidays here, but have returned to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holcomb, of Fries, Va., and Lee Holcomb, of Laurel Springs, visited Mr. and Mrs. Went Holcomb here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Layell, of Elkin, visited her father here recently, Mr. J. A. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas and family, of Harmony, spent the Christmas holidays here with the latter's mother.

Leonard Smithey visited here recently.

Marvin Brewer, of Salisbury, visited Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wilson here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyra Cockerham and little son, Charles, visited the former's brother here last Sunday.

We are sorry to note that Cleve Woodruff is sick and in the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem.

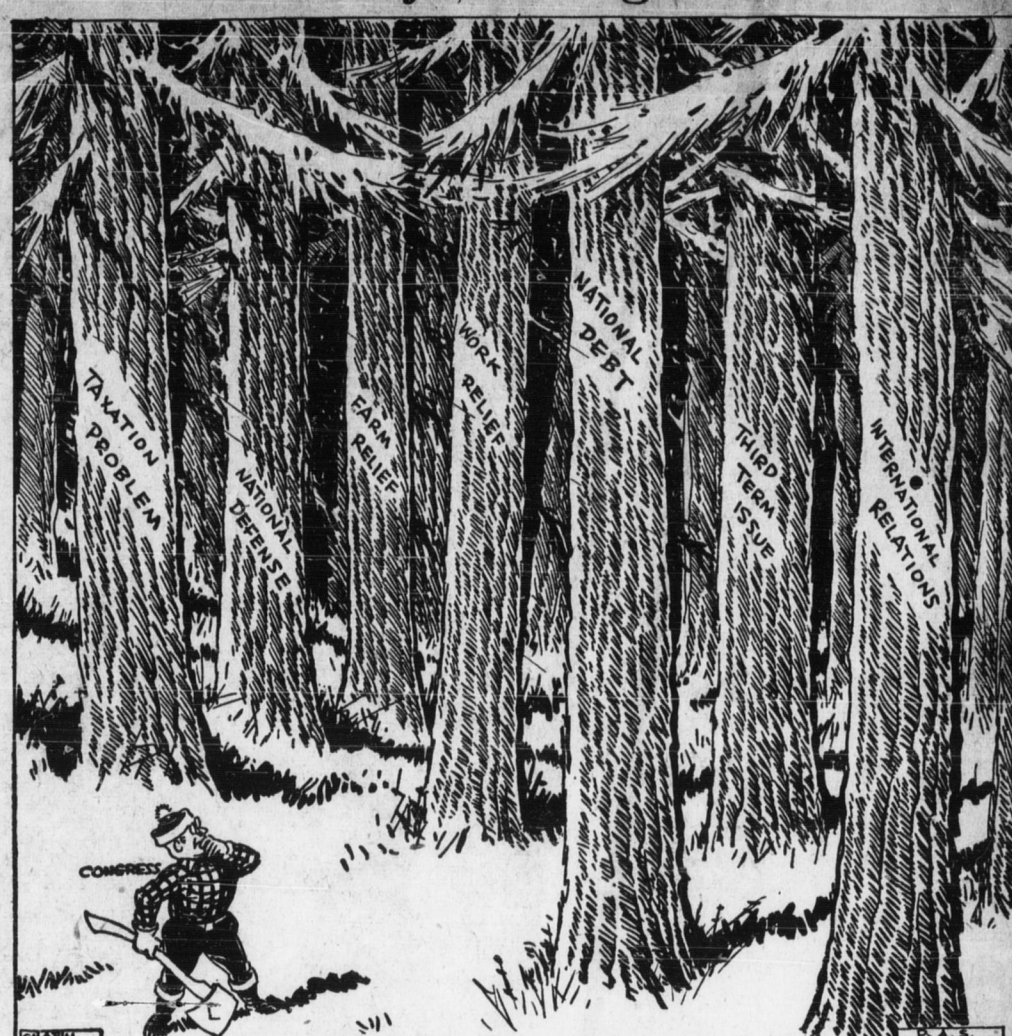
Dick Holcomb, of Maryland visited relatives here recently.

Miss Chalmra Simmons, a student in a beauty school at North Wilkesboro, visited her parents here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Norman spent the week-end with Mrs. Norman's parents at Union Grove.

Mrs. Bob Jones and children, of Laurel Springs, who have been visiting her parents here, returned home last week.

Lumberjack's Nightmare



NEWS FROM THE COUNTY CAPITAL

The Methodist Sunday school put on a Christmas program on Friday evening, December 22, directed by Mrs. J. W. Crawford. A Christmas service was held at the Baptist church on Saturday evening. Both were well attended.

Rev. Mr. McClamrock held a service at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

The W. L. Reece family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Folger at Mt. Airy.

Miss Emma Comer entertained at two tables of contract Friday evening. High score prize was won by Mrs. P. B. Folger. At the conclusion of the game, the hostess served a salad course.

Mrs. J. W. Comer was hostess to four tables of bridge Saturday evening. Mrs. C. G. Comer won high score in the progressions, after which Mrs. Comer served refreshments.

Mr. Ray Richards, of Pennsylvania, spent several days in Dobson last week attending some of the Christmas festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewellyn Reece, Mrs. Mock, Miss Edythe Reece and Mrs. Emma Hampton spent Sunday in Winston-Salem with Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Wall, on Hampton Road.

The Misses Comer, Julia, of Fayetteville, Mazie, of Raleigh, and Thelma, of Southport, spent the holidays in Dobson with relatives. Joe and Ed Comer, students at Lenoir College, also spent Christmas at their home in Dobson.

Misses Lula Betsy Folger and Mary Cooper, of W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro, spent the holidays here at their respective homes.

Miss Helen Harkrader, of G. W. C., Greensboro, spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. S. K. Harkrader.

Mr. and Mrs. Lakey Harkrader, of Columbia, S. C., spent a few days in Dobson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McNeil, of Carthage, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Brady Norman, who also had as Christmas guests Mr. Guy Norman, of Raleigh, and Miss Mary Betty Norman, of Fairmont.

Miss Lela Cooper returned to her school work at Goldsboro Saturday, after spending Christmas at her home.

Marianne Mock returned from Winston-Salem Sunday after spending several days with her little cousin, Lindsay Wall, Jr.

Mrs. E. M. Bryant, Mrs. Brookshire and Henry Hampton attended the funeral of Mr. Claud Houck near West Jefferson Friday.

Mr. Houck at one time was a resident of Dobson, during the time of his father's pastorate here at the Methodist church.

Rev. McClamrock went to Pleasant Ridge Sunday afternoon to conduct the funeral of Mrs. E. C. Smith, who died on Saturday.

She was buried in the cemetery at Pleasant Ridge where she was a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Poole and Sam, Jr., of Greensboro, Mr. and

Woodhouse Named Enumerator For Yadkin County

Mr. S. E. Raper, Census Supervisor of the 8th District with headquarters at Wadesboro, announces the appointment of Frank M. Woodhouse of Booneville as enumerator for Yadkin county and he has entered on his duties in gathering the decennial census of business and manufacturing.

Mr. Woodhouse will immediately begin gathering statistics in Yadkin county on wholesale and retail trade, service establishments, amusements and manufacturing enterprises.

This is the first time in many years that a commercial census and a population census has been taken the same year. The commercial census begins Jan. 2, and the population census will start April 1. Mr. Raper asks that all business men cooperate with the enumerator in gathering the business statistics.

Mr. Woodhouse is the present representative of Yadkin county in the legislature.

Mrs. Riddle and Susie Waugh, of Sanford, Mr. Myron Folger, of High Point, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Folger and children, of High Point, were guests of Mrs. Sallie Folger during the holidays.

Rev. C. W. Russell and children, Donece and Denzil, were visitors in Dobson last week.

Misses Clara and Lucile Freeman spent several days last week with their mother, Mrs. Maude Freeman.

Jim Dan Hemming, student at State College, spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. John Lewellyn, and with his father, Mr. Dan Hemming.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest spent Christmas in Charlotte with relatives.

Mrs. Margaret Poyner, Billy and Dickie Poyner, of Moyock, spent Christmas with Mrs. Maude Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hancock and Linda spent last week with Mrs. Hancock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, at Prosperity, S. C.

Miss Rachel Howell returned Sunday from Hamlet where she spent the holidays with her parents.

Miss Nonie Gordon, of Pilot Mountain, spent the week with her sister, Mrs. F. P. Riggs.

Mrs. R. A. Freeman, Jr., spent Christmas with her parents at Mouth of Wilson, Va.

CYCLE

Miss Ruby Nicks returned home Sunday after visiting friends and relatives in North Wilkesboro for a week.

Little Miss Ruth Cheek spent Christmas in Winston-Salem visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gurnie Johnson.

Mr. Joe Harris is very ill with pneumonia, friends will regret to learn.

Little Master Donald Davis has been very ill with flu, friends will regret to learn.

The Oak Grove quartet sang at Wilkesboro Sunday afternoon. The quartette is composed of

Ruby Nicks, Ola Pinnix, Anna Le Howard and Mattie Cheek.

Mr. Russel Settle, of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent Christmas here with relatives and friends. He was accompanied home by his mother, Mrs. Etta Settle.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of thanking our many friends and neighbors for the kind deeds rendered and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our dear mother. Also for the many beautiful floral tributes.

THE FAMILY OF
MRS. D. C. SMITH

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Do you want plenty of eggs from strong, fast growing young chicks? If so feed Panamin. We have it. Abernethy's, A Good Drug Store, Elkin, N. C. tfe

Wanted to buy all kinds of cattle, calves and pork hogs. See Bub Price at Basketaria. tfe

A buy of a life-time! Two tracts of fine land located at Little Richmond on hard surface highway eight miles from Elkin. Two acres with good five-room house, large garage and chicken lot. Property fenced. One-fourth mile from school and church. Also nine acres fertile farm land. Will sell each tract separately or both together. Price reasonable. See or write L. I. White, Monticello, Cal. Elkin, N. C. 1tp

Position wanted — Experienced dairyman and farm hand wants job on dairy farm or farm. Also experienced truck driver, 15 years without accident. Write D. E. Stone, Ronda, N. C. 1-11p

For sale: Two fresh cows, J. E. DeJournette, Thurmond, N. C. 1-11p

For sale or rent: Good real estate, belonging to the A. J. Williams estate at Zephyr, including a good eight room dwelling. Also some desirable building lots. Power line to be constructed through property soon. The A. J. Williams Heirs, Mountain Park, N. C. 1tp

Lost or strayed: blue Persian kitten, eight months old. Answers to name of "Fritz." Reward if returned to Myra S. on Ronda road. Telephone 308.