



UNIFORMS color

The new uniforms in which the soldiers of the United States Army are to be clothed seem to be a happy combination of the blue and the gray. They are described as being similar in color to the "horizon blue" of the French army. One reason for changing the color is that the "O. D." as army men abbreviate the olive drab of the present uniform, is difficult to dye. Another objection to "O. D." is that while its color serves better than the old army blue did to conceal the movement of troops at a distance, it is easily picked out from the air; and a first consideration in modern warfare is safety from air attacks.

The new color is officially named "slate blue." It is said to be much more becoming to the average soldier than the old khaki or olive drab. At least, all the soldiers will look alike. The present uniforms fade into so many different shades of color that a detachment on parade often gives the effect of a patchwork quilt.

CLOTHES distinction

While the army is engaged in the effort to insure that all of its personnel dress exactly alike, the civilian sector of the masculine world is experimenting more daringly than in a hundred years with individual variations from long-accepted standards of color and style in clothes. Men have long been content to

leave bright colors and novel styles to the ladies. It is pleasing to me, in view of all the talk about "regimentation" of the American people to note the increasing popularity of colored shirts, fancy socks, handkerchiefs and neckties, and the growing tendency to gray-colored suits, hats and overcoats among young men in the big cities. Blue and even green evening clothes for men no longer attract undue attention. I approve of that departure from the somber black of formal evening dress for men, which makes it difficult to distinguish the guests from the waiters.

WOOD future

Anyone who has seen pictures of "modern" architecture, or examples of some of the steel-concrete-glass buildings which are exploited as "the house of the future," or has read the numerous prophecies about the way people will live a hundred years from now, may easily have gained the impression that it won't be long now before nobody will have any more use for wood, and the carpenter's trade will be obsolete.

Just the contrary is true, according to L. J. Markwardt of the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory. Scientific study of wood as a building material has shown that it is much stronger and more durable, if properly selected and treated, than had been assumed. With half as much lumber as is customarily used in framing buildings, equally good and enduring structures can be built, Mr. Markwardt says.

Wood is easier to work with than any other building material, it is less costly than most, and our forest reserves, far from being exhausted can supply all the lumber needed for an indefinite time ahead. The standard American dwelling is a "frame house." It looks as if that might continue to be the type of home in which the typical American family

London Welcomes New Mayor



Formerly sheriff of London, Sir Frank H. Bowater (second from right) has been elected mayor of the English city and was sworn into office November 9, at the traditional lord mayor's show.

of a hundred years hence will still be living.

PRESIDENTS vanity

Gov. Alf. M. Landon has written a series of newspaper articles in which he says, in effect, that he is personally much happier than he would be if he had been elected President in 1936. Back from European vacations, two other men who were once candidates for the Presidency talked to ship news reporters in the same strain. Both Chief Justice Hughes, who came very close to the White House in 1916, and John W. Davis, the Democratic candidate in 1924, said they had never regretted being defeated.

I have heard other defeated Presidential candidates, including some who had occupied the White House, talk in the same strain, with such sincerity I was compelled to believe them. Those who had been through the mill were the most emphatic in their expressions of personal relief from the responsibility of the Presidential task.

"Why anybody wants this job I don't know," President Hoover remarked to me, with emphasis, a few weeks before he left the White House. "I suppose it's a manifestation of human vanity."

GOVERNMENT administration

The job of administering the government of the United States is too big for any single individual to handle and do it efficiently. It gets harder as time goes on, with the growth of the nation, the increasing shifting of responsibility from the states to Washington, and the enlargement of the fields in which the central government functions.

President after President has asked congress for authority to reorganize the administrative system, to give him more help and authorize him to delegate more authority to others. Mr. Roosevelt is carrying the largest and most diversified burden that any President so far has had to carry. It is in the cards that the Presidential task will continue to grow.

With all executive authority centered in one individual, as it is under the constitution, I see only two possible outcomes. One would be a one-man authoritative government, such as Italy and Germany have. The other would be a complete revision of the constitution, re-defining and distributing the powers of the executive.

Bethel High School and Community News

The Bethel high school students won third place in dramatics at the Harvest Festival in Boone Monday. Much interest is being manifested between and among the grade teams in the various games, all of which might be suggestive of wisdom of what is known as intramural games, especially when roads are bad and expenses heavy.

The Bethel high school girls and boys played Boone in a double-header basketball game Thursday night. The Bethel girls won and the boys lost.

The Bethel high school faculty is preparing to give the famous play, "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," within the next few weeks. The cast of characters and further details will be given later.

Engineers of the REA are now in the community surveying the lines where the electric light lines are to run in the community.

Zionville News

Mrs. Fred Castle and small son, Lynn, have returned to their home at Kingsport, Tenn., after spending the past week here with Mrs. Castle's father, Mr. W. B. Reece, and other relatives.

Miss Helma Warner of Mountain City, Tenn., spent the week-end here with her aunt, Miss Etta Younce. Miss Younce accompanied her home and will visit relatives in Tennessee for a few days.

Mr. Ray Hodge remains seriously ill at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ragan from Meat Camp, were recent visitors

here with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Lookabill and Mr. Lookabill.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Yonce, Mrs. James Bowers and small son, Norman Jack, of Elizabethton, Tenn., were guests Sunday of their aunt, Mrs. Polly Greer.

Mrs. Mary Brown of Sutherland, visited here Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Ray Hodge.

Among those visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Castle over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle, Fred and Warren Castle of Kingsport, Tenn., and Miss Madge Castle of Congo, N. C.

Mr. J. C. Reece is in Cincinnati, Ohio, this week on business.

Mabel News

Mr. and Mrs. Roma Younce of Hickory, spent the week-end with hometalks.

Mrs. Russell Oliver of Trade, Tenn., spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Oliver.

Mrs. Robert Anderson of Zionville, spent the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burkett, here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Oliver visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Robinson Sunday.

Everyone in this community was greatly saddened by the death of Mr. Gordon Spainhour.

On Friday night, November 18, at 7 o'clock, there will be given an amateur program at Mabel school. The program will consist of string, music, piano solo, reading and singing. The public is invited. Admission will be 10 and 15 cents.

Watauga Falls News

Mrs. Sarah James has been quite sick for some time.

Mrs. J. L. Glenn has been confined to her bed suffering from a cold for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayner Matheson are the proud parents of a son, born Saturday night.

Married recently, Miss Jessie Mae Harmon and Grover Harmon, by the Rev. Roby Painter at the home of G. W. Trivett at Vaas.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sain of Marion, were week-end visitors with Mrs. Sain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Shepherd.

A successful series of revival services closed at the Antioch Baptist church last week. The services were conducted by Revs. W. C. Payne and Will Cook. The ordinance of baptism was administered to 13 candidates Sunday.

THOMAS JEFFERSON NICKEL MAKES DEBUT

Washington, Nov. 15.—The new Thomas Jefferson nickel made its debut today when 11,000,000 of the coins went on sale at the nation's banks. Many more millions will be minted as needed.

On one side of the coin is a profile of the third President and author of the Declaration of Independence, while his beautiful Monticello home is represented on the other.

Jefferson becomes the third person to be pictured on a regular coin of the United States. George Washington has been on several denominations and since 1932 has adorned the quarter, while Abraham Lincoln has been on the penny since 1909. The only other individuals honored were on special coins.

For 25 years the Buffalo-Indian head design was used for the nickel and 1,212,916,248 of them were minted. Before that was the Liberty head five-center, but few of these are still in circulation. Altogether, the mint estimates that about 1,600,000,000 nickels are in use.

After experimenting with two and three-cent pieces, the treasury began making nickels in 1866. The coin's popularity has grown steadily until, in numbers, it now ranks second only to pennies, of which there are 6,600,000,000.

Felix Schlag, a poor young, naturalized German of Chicago, designed the new coin. Participating in the first public competition of its kind, he won \$1,000 just two weeks after the death of his wife, who had helped him in the work.

FUNERAL RITES FOR ROBERT PAUL REESE HELD AT ZIONVILLE

Robert Paul Reese, of Lockland, Ohio, age 25, was killed in an automobile wreck in Lockland November 5. The body was brought to Zionville by Reins-Sturdivant and interment was made in the Zionville cemetery November 8. The services were conducted at the Zionville Baptist church by Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. J. W. Parker. W. K. Wilson had charge of the obituary and gave a short eulogy of the deceased.

Surviving are the parents and two sisters, together with many other relatives.

The beautiful floral offering was evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased was held in the community and was carried by the following flower bearers: Madge Williams, Maude Williams, Louise Williams, Grace Williams, Sue Reese, Madeline Reese, Mrs. Marie Reese, Martha Pennell, Imogene Castle, Mary Proffitt and Helen Henson.

Palbearers were: Vaughn Reese, Hugh Reese, Kermit Reese, Roy Williams, Ralph Williams, Fred Proffitt, Heigh Williams and John Henson.

The deceased was a man of commanding personality and always made friends by showing himself to be a friend to humanity.

SURPLUS

Surplus agricultural products costing about \$5,105,000 were bought by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation in 24 states during the five weeks ending November 2. These products will be diverted into relief channels.

GOING UP

The U. S. bureau of agricultural economics expects poultry marketing during 1939 to exceed those of 1938, in the first half of the year because of the heavy 1938 hatch, and in the last half because of the expected future increases in the 1939 hatch.

An old farmhouse near Durham, N. C., which served as headquarters for the last Confederate army in the field in 1865, has been restored and opened as a southern shrine.

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