

Bonner Investigating War Surplus Charges

News and Observer Says War Surplus Property Given Away

Inter-Governmental Relations Subcommittee Chairman Herbert C. Bonner (D-NC) last week instructed officials of the Federal Security Agency, the Department of Defense, General Services, and the Bureau of the Budget to draft a point statement in answer to charges of a North Carolina newspaper.

The Raleigh News and Observer last week charged in a news story and later in an editorial that war surplus property is being given away by the government which is at the same time having to buy some of the same type material for military expansion.

Congressman Bonner, who immediately initiated an investigation, ordered the joint statement drawn up after a two hour hearing this morning at which Nathan R. Brodsky of the Department of Defense admitted that errors in administering such a vast surplus disposal program are inevitable.

Brodsky declared, however, that no usable material is being disposed of knowingly. He pointed out that material is screened and rescreened to ascertain whether it is usable before it is turned loose.

Dr. Arthur L. Harris of the Office of Education under the Federal Security Agency, acknowledged that surplus material is still being given away under the donable educational-aid program but that the program is being curtailed by repeated screening.

He explained that only out-dated equipment for which replacement parts are hard to find are disposed of now.

Maxwell Elliott of the General Services Administration, in answer to a direct query from Mr. Bonner, said that all means have not been taken to stop the disposition of surplus which may be needed. He hastened to explain, however, that "all known methods" are being employed. He said there are still flaws in the program and that "holes will have to be plugged as they appear."

Bureau of the Budget representative Ray Ward explained to the subcommittee the difficulty of synchronizing the big buying and disposal programs.

Congressman Bonner, in a statement following the meeting, declared: "We are keeping on our toes watching this thing. We will use every possible effort to stop waste and yet let the military have everything which is needed."

Mr. Bonner said that the statement from the various agencies will probably be ready for release by Friday evening. Representatives of the agencies went into a huddle this afternoon to prepare the statement.

HEALTH FOR ALL

The skin ailment known as "acne vulgaris," characterized by the chronic appearance of facial pimples and blackheads, is a fairly common affliction. Doctors estimate that more than half the population in this country is subject to it at some time or other. Acne occurs most frequently, and with greatest severity, in boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 25. At one time, acne was considered just "part of adolescence," and ignored as something that would be "outgrown" eventually.

Doctors today feel that acne, especially when neglected, can be very serious. Even when acne is only a temporary facial disfigurement, it can do a person permanent harm, leaving "mental scars" as well as physical ones. A person, particularly a sensitive adolescent, who suffers from the facial blemishes of acne, might develop feelings of shyness, extreme reserve, or inferiority which can carry into adulthood and cause him much misery and unhappiness.

Acne is the medical term for chronic inflammation of the oil glands and hair follicles of the skin. The formation of numerous pimples and blackheads is the skin's attempt to wall in these tiny infections and keep them from spreading and getting into the bloodstream.

There are different types of acne due to various causes, and the doctor or dermatologist is the person to determine the cause and prescribe the right treatment. The sooner the condition gets medical attention, the better the chance of arresting or curing it. "Home care" or neglect frequently spread the blemishes or even encourage the development of more serious infection.

Acne is often stubborn to cure, but medical research is constantly uncovering treatments for it. A recent effective treatment, studied in a Midwest hospital, combined simple diet restrictions and rules of skin cleanliness with daily applications of a cosmetic-like antiseptic lotion. The simplicity and economy of the treatment, practicable for the medical doctor as well as the skin specialist, offers new hope to the acne victim. But again, all treatment of acne should be under the supervision and advice of the doctor.

No one has ever died of acne, but thousands of people allow it to make them miserable because they do not realize that simple medical care can help or cure the unsightly condition.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES
Services at the First Christian Church are announced as follows by the pastor the Rev. E. C. Alexander: Bible School at 10 o'clock Sunday morning; morning service at 11 o'clock; young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M.; evening service at 7:45 o'clock.

Revival services are being held each evening at 7:45 o'clock, to which everyone is cordially invited to attend.

SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Keating

Have you ever seen a prairie chicken? Have you ever shot one? This bird was once our most widely distributed native grouse, one of our most fabulously abundant game birds. Yet many of you hardly know the bird at all, either by sight or over a gun barrel.

The whole sad story of the prairie chicken is a paradox. His is a story that traces exactly the history of man's use and abuse of our natural resources. It's a story of soil, grass, plows and guns. It's the all time classic, demonstrating the complete dependence of wildlife upon specific habitat.

Perhaps the most startling factor of the prairie chicken picture is that we have studied and worked so little with the species. Yet the immigrant pheasant has had almost unlimited sympathy and assistance, while the native chicken has been left to disappear virtually by default.

It is popularly supposed that market slaughter and summer hunting without bag limits were the decisive points in the chicken's decline. But Byron Dalrymple, who just completed an 18-month survey of the situation for Sports Afield, discussed this with game men from 25 conservation departments, with Pittman-Robertson project men and others. They concede that the slaughter certainly hurried the debacle along. But without a single exception their answers were that the real culprit was agricultural abuse of the land. In other words, destruction of natural habitat is the only basic reason we have almost no prairie chicken hunting today. Conversely, given somewhat altered land use, which would include abundant grasslands, we could perhaps once again have good chicken hunting over a wide territory—some 15 states and prairie provinces!

Game men are eager to do something about the situation. Unfortunately, they can't without a real demand from us, the sportsmen. Effective chicken work requires funds. Enough demand would quickly result in channeling public conservation money into chicken research, and actual restoration efforts.

I have not the slightest doubt that if money for long-term study and re-

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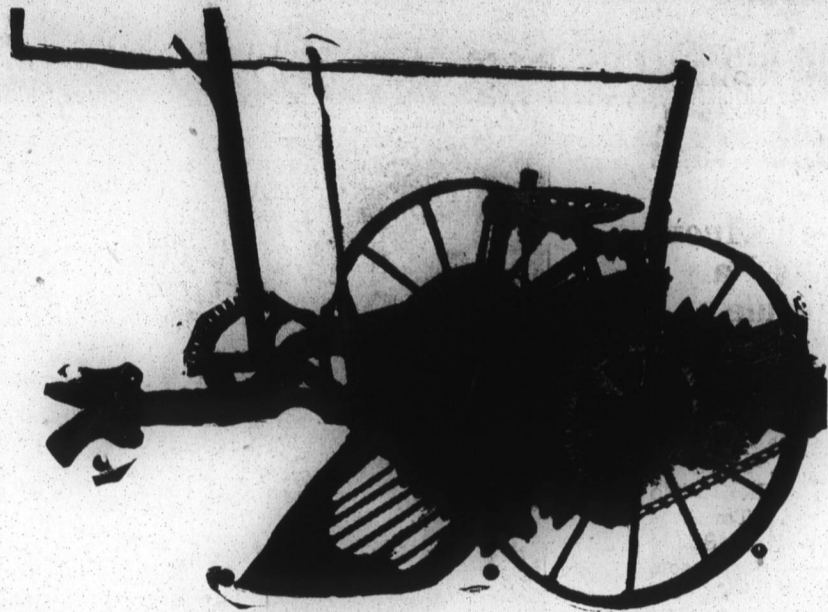
sonable habitat improvement were made available, many regions could in a short time have prairie chickens to shoot.

Money is not the main strength of the organized churches but, since they operate in a material world, they need some of it; give your share.

The North Atlantic treaty nations are developing a joint military program, almost without regard to which country puts up the money.

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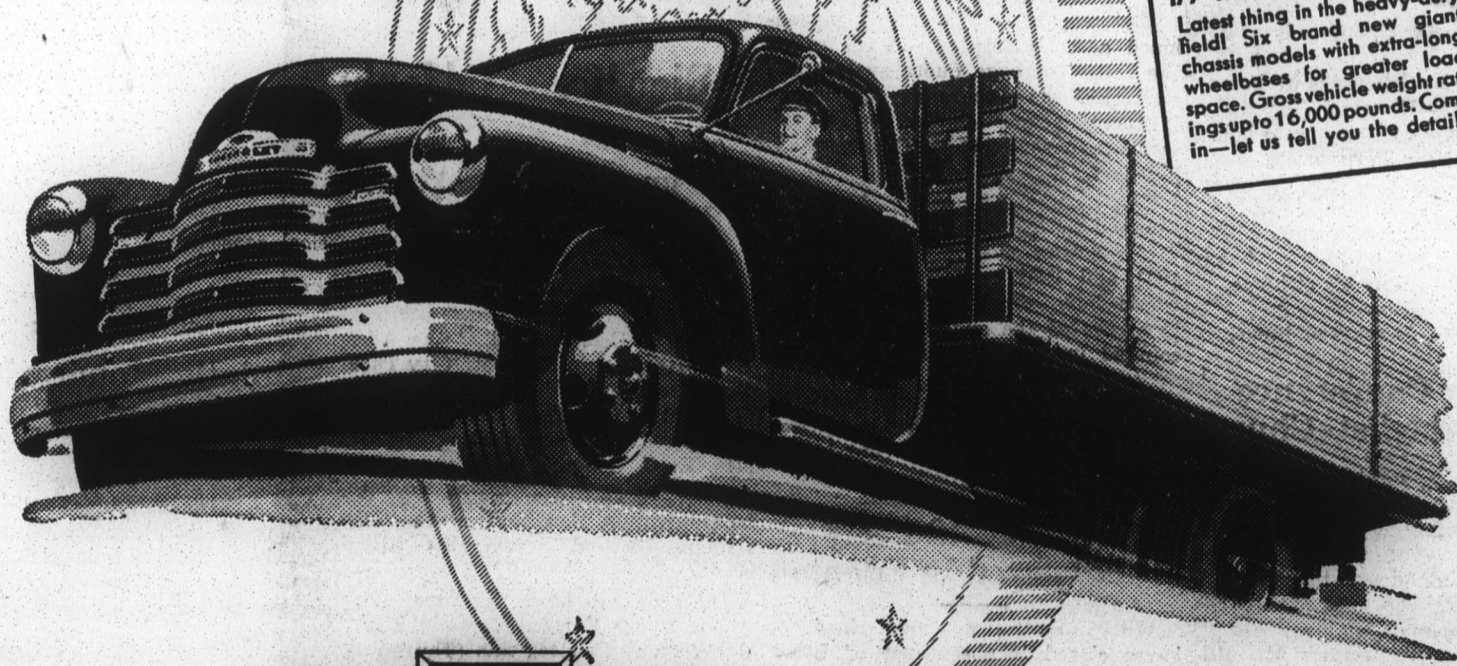
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