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WHAT'S THE MATTER ?

The following editorial was taken from the Asheville

Again North Carolina is being treated like a redheaded stepchild. Again the offending parent is Uncle-

The Citizen does not contend for one moment that geographical considerations should be conclusive with the federal government in spending defense appropriations. The need for swift and effective action is so great that not even selfish interests of individual states should be permitted to impede such action.

But North Carolina, industrially speaking, should have some role to play in this defense brogram other than that of furnishing our share of the soldiers and the *tax receipts. It should be possible for the federal government to exhibit some consideration for North Carolina without hampering its defense program in the slightest.

The actual contracts, awarded thus far to North Carolina concerns or affecting North Carolina industry, have been trifling. Not a single defense industry of any consequence has been located in this state. Not a single major contract has been awarded in this state.

The unhappy consequence of this is that North Carolina is not enjoying the stimulus to business which the defense program is providing for the nation at large. Our surplus labor is being drained to other states. Most of our benefits are of the indirect variety: we do not enjoy the prosperity until it has filtered through other more fortunate states and has lost a vast deal in the fil-

This situation is presently serious. Unless it is remedied the permanent effects on North Carolina economy may be grave. It is not unlikely that most of the prosperity which we enjoy in this country the next few years will be due in large measure to the money expended by the federal government on its defense program. Furthermore, these defense expenditures may shape the economic development of this country for years to come.

Because the situation is serious today and may be more serious still in its consequences for the future, North Carolina Senators and Congressmen should get busy. If there is a sound national reason for this unfavorable treatment which can not be removed, then the people of North Carolina should know it so that we can reconcile ourselves patriotically to the terrible sacrifices which are in store for us. If there is a reason which can which are in store for us. If there is a reason which can the stand cut too heavily, the en-be overcome, then we should busy ourselves in overcoming it.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Eva Mae Pernell of near entertained a number of her by the friends attending. friends at her home Dec. 2. Can- hostess received lovely gifts. dies and tangerines were served to the following guests: Misses Mae, Mildred, Ruth Smith, Carl, Roy

MRS. MARY B. WILDER

Mildred: Ruth Smith, Carl, Roy and Gilbert Smith of near Alert, Ruby, Beulah and Perry Faulk- died early Monday after a short ner, Misses Beatrice and Grace illness. Final rites were conduct-Ayscue, Graham, Forrest, Eugene, ed by the Rev. Oates from the Beulah, Joseph Green Pernell, home on Route 2. Spring Hope. Willie Perry, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in Pernell, Ruby, Pattie Ruth, Marthe family cemetery. Surviving rie, Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, Wilson and Thomas Abbott, der, are three sons.

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BE LIKE THE EARLY BIRD. DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY AND SELECT FROM A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTS MENT OF GIFTS. COME IN AND LET ES HELP YOU SOLVE YOUR CHRISTMAS PROBLEM.

SUGGESTIONS - WE HAVE

House conts in all wool cherille-quilted satin, in all styles and shades. Negrigee's in pastels, very dainty. Haynes under garments in real silk, panties of many styles, lace and tanored. Satin gowns. Bed jiackets. satin and chenill. Nylon steps out again, Nylon slip, and Lylon hose. Just arrived, a beautiful assortment of Evening bags in metalics, brocades and velvet. Also bags of Cape skin, pig skin and new materials to match every suit. Lipen handkerchiefs for men and ladies. Evening handkerchiefs in pastel shades, prettiest we have ever had. Scarfs, for ladies and men, beautiful selection, in Lamb, all wool and silk. Fuzzy Wuzzy hat and glove set, all shades. These are nice gifts for girls. Also new lot of sweaters, costume jewelry. Beautiful line of linen luncheon sets, (7 pc.), bridge sets, cocktail napkins, lace dinner cloths, towels. All ready-to-wear and millinery greatly reduced, these make splendid

Thank you for having made the Fall a very pleasant

and successful one and wishing you a Happy Christmas. MRS. JULIA P. SCOTT LOUISBURG, N. C.

News Notes From County



mittee

Chairman Franklin County Agricultura Conservation Association Committee

Every cotton farmer eligible to A. E. Henderson and Mrs. Hender-vote in the 1941 Cotton Referen-son was also winner of the prize dum should avail himself of that that went to the one holding four dum should avail himself of that privilege Saturday. December 7, at regular polling precincts in Franklin County. With the turmoil and rule by dictators in the world, cotton farmers of this United States and Franklin County are extremely fortunate to be cone. able to go to the polls and ex-press their choice for or against cotton marketing quotas for the means construction-over year 1941 announces N. H. Ays-old, destruction. cue, Chairman Franklin County Committee. There are appr mately 6.000 eligible voters There are approxi Franklin County and due to the increased interest caused by good production of cotton in 1940, a good vote is expected. All cotton farmers in the United States pro-ducing cotton the staple of which is less than 1 1-2 inches will be effected by the results of the cotton referendum. If 66 2-3% of the farmers vote in favor of marketing quotas they will be in ef-fect for 1941 and loans will be available on 1941 crop. If more than 33 1-35, of cotton farmers voting oppose quotas, they will not be in effect in 1341 and loans crop. All Franklin County farmers have been notified of their 1941 allotments which will be the allotment with or without mar keting quotas.

WOODLAND

A woodland is like a dairy herd, according to William E. Adams, Assistant Soil Conserva-tionist of the Soil Conservation Service in the Franklin County Unit, Tar hiver Soil Conservation District, in Louisburg. A dairy herd can't be built up

if all the young heifers are sold Likewise it is impossible to build up a paying woodland if the young trees are removed as soon is they have a market value.

Mr. Adams emphasizes the importance of cutting only mature or dead trees. Young trees should be removed only where thinning is necessary to improve the stand

Many of the woodlands in the Tar River Soil Conservation Districe are considerably run down, and immediate returns from the sale of woodland products cannot be realized.

To prevent this from happening in woodlands where sawlog materials is available the Tar River Soil Conservation District is helping owners of woodlands interest-ed in proper cutting measures. When the wrong trees are cut or land plan recommended by Tar River Soil Conservation District includes a regular schedule Emma Mae and Edward Burnette.

James Howard Murray, all of Alert, and Miss Eloise Gupton of Wood. Many games were enjoyed Wood. Many games were enjoyed ply of young trees coming along The all the time.

Where the woods are run down, farmers are shown how to bring them back into condition by cutting lightly or not at all for number of years, thereby build-

ing up the gowing stock.

Keeping the annual cutting within the amount of annual growth guarantees a permanent supply of timber and still provides logs, posts. fuelwood. pulpwood for immediate sale. also improves a timber stand and enables it to produce more and better products.

MISS RUTH WILDER IS HOS-

Franklinton, Mis. Ruth Wilder was first hostess to a newly or-ganized bridge club Tuesday evening at one home of her parents. This club is named "The Topsy Thry Club" and will meet every two weeks, Members of the club present at this first meeting were Mesdames Raiph Parker, Bobby Jones, Bill Shugart, Uly Hicks, Brooks Parham, Jr., and Douglas Langston; Misses Marion Sawyer, Alice Ford, Grace Crouch, Bevely Vann, Sara Morris, Martha Kear-

ney.

The hostess served gingerbread and hot tea, Top score prize went to Miss Beverly Vann and consola-tion to Mrs. Bobby Jones.

Wednesday evening at Allen's Grill. Miss Elizabeth Canady en-tertained at bridge, honoring Mrs. Ben A. Horson of Raleigh. Five tables were arranged for the game.

Mrs. Tyson Mitchiner, of War-renton, received high score prize for bridge, Miss Carolyn McChee received bingo prize. Mrs. Horton was presented a gift and Mrs. Burly Mitchell was also remembered

Miss Cannady, assisted by Mes dames Brooks Parham, Jr., and Charles B. Cannady, served a sa-

Invited guests included Mes-dames Ben A. Horton, Uly Hicks, Woodrow Haskins, Burley Mitch-ell, Relph Parker, Lemuel Mc-

Ghee, Robert Collins, Jr., Margar-James Cooper and George Selby, of Louisburg; A. M. Stephenson, of Indiana, Woodrew Teague, of Raleigh, Tyson Mitchiner, of War-

renton; Misses Cora Beasley and Lucy Timberlake, of Louisburg, Misses Sara Dal Purnell, Sara Alice Morris, Carolyn McGhee and Katherine Purnell, of Franklin-Wednesday afternoon the Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club of

Franklinton was entertained by Mrs. Plummer Jones at her home "Crenshaw" at Wake Forest. Mrs. Jones. a frequent visitor in the home of her cousin, Simon Williams, of Franklinton, has quite often been the guest of a number of the hostesses of this club. High score prize went to Mrs.

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