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Need Heating Plant

For the past several years grand juries have been recommending that a heating plant be installed in the Wilkes county courthouse. It has become the usual, rather than the unusual, for a grand jury to make that recommendation.

Two or more boards of commissioners have failed to make provision for the much needed improvement. They did not fail to do so because they did not think it was best; they merely followed the wishes of the people who elected them by trying to be as economical as possible in carrying on the affairs of the county.

Like people of other counties, Wilkes property owners hate to pay taxes and the people who have managed the affairs of the county have tried to keep the tax rate as low as possible. As a result the tax rate is much lower than that of many counties and has been for several years.

But in keeping the tax rate down it often develops that much needed improvements must wait to be carried out and a heating plant for the courthouse happens to be one of those.

In the courthouse are many fireplaces and heaters. Each one consumes fuel, to say nothing of the trouble and inconvenience of firing so many places. In the jail there is a heating plant which occasionally needs repairs and has to be fueled.

It looks to an outside observer as if a good central heating plant for both buildings would be efficient and economical. That would mean fueling only one fire and if the plant was of the right type and construction cost of repairs would be negligible. In addition to a possible fuel saving, there would be a great improvement in the comfort of people who must occupy the courthouse and those who for one reason or another must be in jail.

There would be no coal dust and soot in every room and a great part of the labor would be eliminated, giving the janitor time to better care for the building and grounds.

The added comfort to the people in the courthouse would be conducive to better and more work and would be a decided improvement from the standpoint of health of the officers and employees.

People who deal with the problem of taxes have to reckon with two classes of people: one wants lower taxes and the other wants more benefits. Occasionally the same individual wants both at the same time.

Wilkes property, like that of many other counties, cannot stand a very high tax rate. Yet, there are certain things almost indispensable in the course of running the county affairs and tax revenue is a vital necessity. And there are times when temporary savings ultimately result in false economy.

National Apple Week

We have just been reminded that this is National Apple Week and it would be indeed fitting that we consume an extra amount of the luscious fruit this week.

Apples are one of the leading crops in Wilkes and the consumption of apples directly affects the welfare of many of our people and the economic welfare of Wilkes and adjoining counties. We should not only be interested in production of more and better apples but we should take an active interest in every movement to increase the consumption of apples.

Big publicity and advertising campaigns for citrus fruit have lined the pockets of the citrus growers and allied interests and have caused a decrease in the use of apples. This must be matched by boosting apples for the sake of health and real eating enjoyment. Every person can help in the cause and should let no opportunity to popularize the fruit pass without using it to the fullest advantage.

Buy an extra bushel of apples this week.

"Hitler," says an overseas dispatch, "was beside himself." We can only say that a fellow is known by the company he keeps.—Detroit News.

Americans must view the world situation seriously, or they never would suggest keeping Congress in session.—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Style experts says men prefer black as women's wear. Why not? The women keep the men in the red.—Jersey Journal.

Borrowed Comment**RATHER PAY THAN FIGHT**
(Shelby Daily Star)

The United States is definitely opposed to sending men across to fight Europe's battles. This does not mean that our people are lacking in patriotism. They would go the limit in defense and since the situation has arisen in Europe, the sentiment of this country is predominantly in favor of a stronger national defense.

Report has it that President Roosevelt will propose a preparedness appropriation of \$2,800,000,000 at the January session of Congress and while business is now burdened with taxes and debt, it had much rather meet the additional taxes that will be imposed to strengthen our army and navy than to be plunged into war.

In the past we have heard speakers cry that "war lords want war for the profit they reap." Little do we hear of this talk now. War is destructive, not only of men but of property and morality. So called "big business" does not profit from either of these. If profits should come, the government is all set to seize them in the form of taxes.

Up in Washington, our representatives are trying to devise ways and means of keeping us out of the conflict abroad. Some have one solution, some another. All, however, have the same peaceful purpose in mind.

Billions of foreign dollars are in this country ready to buy supplies if and when the neutrality bill offered by the President is enacted into law. Seven billions belong to Great Britain and France. Another five billion was invested in the United States by British individuals. This has been confiscated in a manner by the British government for the purpose of buying war needs. The government of England did not exactly confiscate the money of its subjects in the United States, but issued long term British bonds to those individuals in lieu of their money invested in this country.

There is a great back-log of war orders to be filled when the neutrality law goes through and then we may expect an added impetus to business. Business, large and small, does not want war and had rather pay for a stronger national defense than see this country enter the conflict. The cost will be heavy in dollars and cents, but if actual combat can be avoided, isn't it better to preserve our peace with money than with our blood?

CONSOLIDATION OF COUNTIES?

(Morganton News-Herald)

There is real food for thought in the following comment from a recent issue of the Greensboro Daily News, and we are in agreement with it, but it leaves us wondering just where such a movement as it proposes would find its start in North Carolina and how much trouble it would leave in its wake:

"What we need to do," says the Georgia state junior chamber of commerce, "is to consolidate over half of our present counties. With present-day traveling and communication facilities, only one county is needed now where 30 years ago possibly three were needed. It is to the interest of every taxpaying citizen that this needless extravagance and waste be stopped." "If the junior chamber can drive home the good sense of this appeal to the point of action, it will have rendered Georgia an incalculable service," says the Atlanta Georgian.

And that action will be an example set for the neighbor states that will also be of service beyond calculation. Meanwhile, North Carolina offers a field for like labor similarly promising of profit for some such vigorous and capable agency as the junior chamber of commerce.

The Georgian says that "careful students of the matter have long held that elimination of unnecessary counties, with their multiplied costs, would save enough money to put all the proper agencies of government on a sound, efficient and progressive basis." Careful students long ago came to much the same condition as to North Carolina.

DEPRESSING

(Asheville Citizen)

Among the depressing news items of the week is the bankruptcy petition filed by Miss Sally Rand. Sally—so the story goes—can't pay her creditors, despite reports of a six-figure income a year or so ago.

Is this the end of an era? Has the carnival spirit evaporated, like one of Sally's bubble balloons, before the onslaught of a materialistic world? We hope not. Anyway, Sally is a resourceful young woman, expert at grabbing the limelight or on or off the stage. Who can forget her famous lecture to Chicago advertising men?

Sally will be back, we predict, and with something new and different, or the art of press agency is dead. Camera! Lights! Action! Give the little girl a great big hand-out!

F. D. R. WISDOM
(Columbia State)

At a roadside grist mill two South Carolina farmers were talking.

"What you reckon's gonner happen in that war?"

"I don't know but I do know what I'm gonner do about it."

"What?"

"I'm gonner plant me a little more wheat and oats, get me a few more hogs, build me a new chicken house, and things like that. Then, if food goes up high, I'll sell a lot of stuff. If not, I'll put some fat on my own ribs."

Ronda Route 2 News Reported

RONDA, Route 2, Oct. 30.—Last Monday a week ago Clark Pardue, the two or three year old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pardue, of Brier Creek community was playing with a piece of glass striking it against something when a piece of it struck his eye and "put it out," his Uncle Martin said.

We were saddened at the passing of dear old Aunt Julia Carrender, aged 94, of Boonville last Sunday afternoon. She has been an invalid for years.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Sale and Barbara Jean, with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Key, Misses Zelma and Hattie Bell Key were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Denny of Pilot Mountain October 22.

Miss Emma Pardue made Misses Mattie and Armisa Sale a pleasant call last Tuesday on her way to spend the day with her niece, Miss Polly Pardue, who is convalescing nicely since her return from Hugh Chatham Hospital.

Miss Jettie Harvill writes her friends that she attended the 175th anniversary of her church—Presbyterian—in Statesville last Sunday and attended both services.

A picnic dinner was spread, half of it was not eaten, about 5,000 people attended. One man was there who attended the centennial of the church 75 years ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Redding, wife of the late Allen Redding who has passed her fourscore and ten became ill last week had to go to bed and was declining when we last heard from her. She has been in the home of her son, "Jaffie Redding" for the past three or four years.

Masonic Grand Lecturer, Mr. John Marquette, of Statesville, lectured last week at night to Ronda Lodge.

Last Friday evening Mr. Alfred Smith, of Winston-Salem, carried his mother, Mrs. Carrie Smith, Messrs. Vance, and Gray Pardue, and Bettie Jean, Kate and Arville Pardue made Misses Mattie and Armisa Sale an enjoyable visit.

Worth Sale, Martin Pardue, Walter Walker, J. H. Hackett and Bessie Sale shucked excellent crops of corn the past week.

Mrs. Mary Kate Sale Myres came for her mother, Mrs. Lollie Sale, last Friday and carried her to spend her twenty-third birthday with her in her new home in Elkin.

Mr. Jimmie Freeman and Mrs. Myres came home with Mrs. Sale. Mr. Freeman carried a quantity of green pine limbs to cover his yard to protect the grass seeds he had sown.

Misses Polly, Edith and Kate Pardue called to visit Misses Mattie and Armisa Sale Sunday morning. Their sister, Florence, and her husband, Kermit Pardue, carried them over there and came for them later.

Geo. H. Sale, Mrs. Sale and Barbara Jean spent the week-end with parents at Holly Hill and visited their "aunties" also.

Mrs. Gaither Gentry, and son, Billie, with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hayes, of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Vetra Boyd, and their grandfather, Mr. R. S. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pardue carried their little son, Clarke, to Wilkes Hospital yesterday to have his eye treated again. It is thought now that perhaps his eye is just dimmed and that it is not "out" as was thought when he first got the glass in it.

Mrs. Kate Alexander, of Elwood, Indiana, is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Pauline Kremer, of Mountain View.

Mr. Charles Burchette and his sister, Mrs. Ernest Alexander, of Elwood, Indiana, celebrated their birthdays together at his home at Clingman. His birthday was Saturday and hers is today.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Smith and son, J. W., daughter, Carolyn, Mrs. Ernest Alexander, and son, James, after attending the birthday dinner at Clingman gave their relatives at Holly Hill a few minutes surprise.

Mr. Kermit Pardue and Mrs. Pardue, of Cycle, spent the past week-end with the family of her parents, Mr. Martin and Mrs. Pardue.

Clingman school gave a Hal-

low's Carnival last Saturday night. It was well rendered and largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Pardue called on her old "chums", Mrs. Gaither Gentry and Mrs. Ruth Hayes, of Winston-Salem, at the home of her mother and grandfather, Mrs. Vetra Boyd and Mr. R. S. Walker.

Mr. Arley Pardue was the dinner guests of Masters Tom and Joe Pardue after Brier Creek Sunday school.

Kermit Vestal, Arville Pardue visited the persimmon trees and haw trees on Holly Hill yesterday afternoon.

State College Answers Timely Farm Question

Question: How far apart should apple trees be set in a new orchard?

Answer: Apple trees should be set at least 35 feet apart in the row. This distance also applies to pear trees, but for peach, plum, and cherry trees the distance is reduced to 25 feet. In setting the trees, be sure that the hole is large enough to keep from bending the roots and deep enough so that the young trees are about two inches deeper than they stood in the nursery. However, if the roots are extremely long, they may be trimmed to around eight inches from the stem.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Ida McNeill, deceased, late of Wilkes county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Moravian Falls, N. C., on or before the 27th day of September, 1940, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 27th day of Sept., 1939. C. D. HARRIS, Administrator of Ida McNeill, deceased. 11-9-6t

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as Executor of the estate of W. B. Mizeal, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, whose address is Summit, N. C., duly verified, on or before the 19th day of October, 1940, or this notice will be placed in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate

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G. C. MICKEL, Executor of the estate of W. B. Mizeal, dec'd. 11-93-6t (5)

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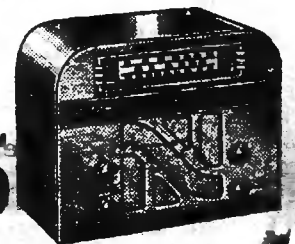
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