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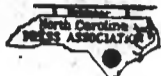
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## This Year 1940

So many things have already happened in 1940 with the year slightly more than half gone that we are prone to wonder what is going to take place next.

It has been a year of surprises and disappointments all over the globe.

Hitler's war machine rose up in terrible might, overrun Holland, Belgium and France before the experts who said it couldn't be done knew what it was all about.

Now we find the mighty British Empire fighting for dear life, and, to say the least, does not have rosy chances of ultimate victory over Germany.

In the United States we have had many things to happen that have been very unusual. Congress has appropriated over five billion dollars to bolster defenses and is going to allot that much more.

President Roosevelt appointed two very prominent Republicans to his cabinet just before the Republican convention convened and then the Republicans nominated Wendell Willkie, a Democrat until four years ago, for president.

President Roosevelt accepted the nomination for a third term, something no other president had ever done.

And then to add another precedent shattering item the Democrats nominated Henry Wallace, a Republican until only a few years ago, as vice president.

All of which makes us want to stick around to see what is going to happen next.

Wonder what the "dyed-in-the-wool" party men are going to do this fall with a Democrat running for president on the Republican ticket and a Republican for vice president on the Democratic ticket. If you vote for a presidential candidate you must also vote for his vice presidential running mate, and vice versa.

### Borrowed Comment

MILITARY TRAINING  
(Oxford Public Ledger)

The attitude Congress will take upon a request presented by President Roosevelt that the National Guard be called out immediately for active military training will be determined in a large measure by events in Chicago this week.

As this is prepared for publication, it is not definitely known that President Roosevelt will be the nominee, nor is it known definitely that he will accept the nomination when it is tendered by his party. If, however, Mr. Roosevelt is nominated and accepts the nomination, it may be expected that the Congress will continue without interruption the strengthening of military forces of the United States.

Unexpected collapse of nations and destruction of democratic processes which were a part of the nationalism of those nations; the bridging of the Atlantic ocean by airplanes, radio, and the use of faster ships and specifically, the infiltration of Germans into South American countries and their efforts to influence social economic and political conditions there, make it prudent and wise for the United States to tighten its military girdle and compare its strength with possible demands.

This latter step already has been taken. An alarming shortage of military planes, tanks and other equipment has been found. The nation has less than a strong framework for a defensive military machine. As a result of discovery of that condition, new equipment is being ordered to replace obsolete. The Army and the Navy are being enlarged by recruiting activities and these new men are being equipped and trained as rapidly as possible.

ble to stand in defense of their country should it become necessary.

One of the most effective methods of keeping a bad man or bad men from one's premises is to provide an impressive armed guard and to let the bad man or bad men know that guard is on duty. So it is with the United States and the bad men or nations of the world. Japan and Germany are likely to adopt a more friendly attitude and to enter more cordial relations with this country if it is known that this country is armed and prepared to offer effective resistance to their threats.

If those who are charged with the responsibility for the safety of the United States feel that training for the National Guards is essential to an adequate military program, if they feel that a program of conscription is necessary, we much prefer a state of "total defense" than one of "inadequate defense."

### YOUTH

(Baltimore News-Post)

The American Youth Congress performed exactly as was expected of it in its recent sessions at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

With the help of the Young Communist League, it compiled another public record of slavishly following the Communist "party line."

It REJECTED a resolution condemning dictatorships—and MENTIONING Soviet Russia as among these.

But it APPROVED another resolution, similar to the one written and supported by the Young Communist League last year, which merely "condemned" dictatorships WITHOUT naming Russia.

Still more revealing, the Congress adopted a report denouncing the "persecution" of Communists in this extraordinary language:

"We are gravely concerned for the liberties of all American people when we see the launching of a drive against the Communist party."

The same report attacked the Dies committee, criticized the efforts at Washington to deport Harry Bridges, and protested the exclusion of Communists and Nazi bundists from WPA payrolls.

Most appropriately, these pro-Communist proceedings were accompanied by the refusal of two affiliated organizations—the National Council of Methodist Youth and the National Council of Jewish Juniors—to accept representation in the "cabinet" of the Congress as its ruling cabal is called.

Presumably, these two dissident organizations are about to follow the example of other groups which have withdrawn entirely from the Congress, these including the Young People's League of the United Synagogues, Junior Hadassah, Young Judea and various Protestant denominational groups.

Currently, it is reported, several other "youth groups" will join the exodus.

Apparently, therefore, the Lake Geneva Congress may be the last of its kind. Before another year rolls by, all non-Communist youth organizations will apparently have quitted, thereby properly leaving the American Youth Congress to those to whom it actually belongs—its Communist members and a few adult sympathizers whose patronage and prestige have given it a respectability which it has never deserved.

### COUNTIES

(News and Observer)

There are all kinds of counties in this country ranging in size from New York County, New York, to San Bernardino County, California, with the enormous area of 20,175 square miles. The important fact for North Carolina, however, is that the average size of its counties is 487.4 square miles, as compared with a national average of 913 square miles. There would be only half as many counties in North Carolina if the units were made the national size.

Consolidation of counties in this age of good roads and swift transportation has so many obvious merits in terms of economy in government that it is hardly necessary to argue them. But power of local pride is so great that little or no progress has been made or seems in prospect in this direction through the governmental functions of all the counties have been much reduced by State assumption of functions they once possessed. Nevertheless, those in this State who complain of the cost of local government ought not to forget that on the basis of the national average North Carolina has twice as many counties in proportion to its area as the country as a whole.

Checks are coming back in suits this summer. In the material, however, not in the pockets.—Greenville Piedmont.

## Clean Up Drive Is Praised By N. C. Officials

Raleigh.—Law enforcement officers of North Carolina praised the beer industry's "clean up or close up" campaign which has resulted in the closing of several score undesirable beer outlets.

New Hanover's Sheriff David C. Jones said the campaign has "brought wonderful results in all parts of our state," while Buncombe's Sheriff Laurence E. Brown said conditions have been greatly improved in his county.

Sheriff Joe S. Phipps of Guilford and Sheriff John Taylor of Stokes also commended the Breweries and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee for its campaign against undesirable beer outlets.

Jimmie Haynes, chief of Crumpton's police department and president of the Association of Law Enforcement Officers of the Carolinas, said results in all parts of the state justified the year-old campaign.

Asheville's Police Chief Charles W. Dermid thanked State Director Edgar H. Bain for the "committee's help in closing undesirable places," and Judge J. P. Kitchin of Buncombe's general county court, said that "it is gratifying to observe that since your committee has been functioning . . . there has been a steady improvement in cleaning up conditions."

Sheriff E. G. Belvin of Durham said the committee has been a "great help to my office in enforcing the laws."

### JUST SHOW MORE

Boogy—Do you think women have more backbone than men?  
Woogy—No, they just display more.

### TRY IT

Tubby—What is the best way to make a girl believe you have good judgment?  
Jimmy—Propose to her.

Wardie—You used to say I was all the world to you.

Jackie—Yes, but I've learned my geography since then.

### GET IN FARTHER

Mrs. Whifflebotham—How do I look in my new evening gown, dear? Does it fit all right?  
Whifflebotham—Not so bad, but can't you get into it a little farther?

Five-cured tobacco marketing quota regulations for the 1940-41 marketing season have been approved by Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace.

The Amur cork tree—introduced from Asia as an ornamental—has proven satisfactory for hill-culture to prevent erosion in this country.

E. H. Harris, Extension Agent in Tyrrell county, says farmers of that section are vitally interested in better methods of producing poultry.

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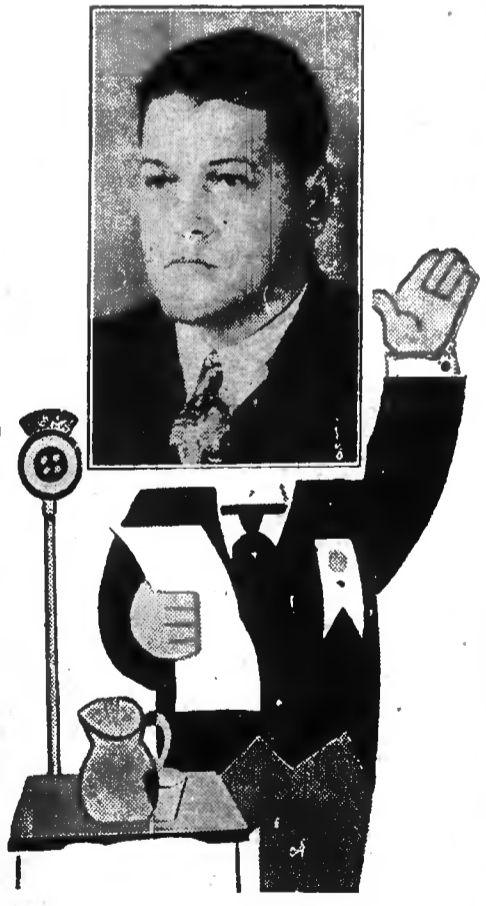
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