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**One's Loss—Another's Gain**

When W. J. Caroon resigned his executive position with the Northwestern Bank to enter a new firm here the bank lost a good man and Insurance Service and Credit Corporation, which has just been organized, gained a valuable member.

In a public spirited way we are glad to say that W. J. Caroon remains a North Wilkesboro citizen and as such is an asset to the city and surrounding communities.

Mr. Caroon came to North Wilkesboro a little over three years ago to help set up the Northwestern Bank and its branches. His home was in Newbern but he had been connected with the Citizens Bank and Trust company at Smithfield. Not only did he do a good job as cashier and secretary of the bank, but he entered into the civic life of North Wilkesboro actively and energetically. His business training and wide experience in dealing with the public, together with his appreciation of the value of civic improvement, combine to make him a valuable citizen to any community.

**War On Polio**

There has been talk of the "war of nerves" in Europe but in America we have "War of Mercy," as it is called in an editorial from the Baltimore News-Post. To introduce this subject we quote a part of the editorial as follows:

"There is a war which has been going on for eight years, of which everybody approves.

"It is being fought by one party with dollars and dimes instead of bullets and by the other with a poisonous gas of infection more dire than any that every cruel nation has concocted.

"It mostly vents its rage upon little children, and it does worse than kill them.

"If they survive, they are almost sure to be crippled for life, and handicapped for all the activities in which children delight to participate.

"If the victims grow to manhood, they are still handicapped.

"This enemy's name is 'POLIO,' otherwise, 'INFANTILE PARALYSIS.'

"Polio sometimes attacks adults; one such victim fought it resolutely, and afterwards became President of the United States.

"Having experienced the affliction which this dreadful disease entails, and won the fight, he founded an institution where other victims might receive treatment, the best that medical skill could devise, and on his birthday anniversary a nation-wide movement was launched to raise money to augment the facilities of the institution, and to support war in every State in the Union.

"Eight years have come and gone since this movement was started and in each of these years entertainments were held and money raised to furnish the war chest."

John Kermit Blackburn has been named chairman of the drive for funds in Wilkes and every person who finds it possible should contribute something to the cause, if nothing more than small coins in boxes placed in business houses for that purpose.

**Highway Patrol**

There is talk of taking the highway patrol out of the state department of revenue. Many who have clamored for better safety conditions on highways by more strict enforcement of law have often wondered why the patrol was even in the treasury department.

A workman will naturally work for the interest of his department and his superior therein. This natural desire has made the patrol into a vast agency for collecting

state income to the neglect of highway duties.

While a patrolman is giving some poor devil the works for failure to pay some tax or fee due the state, somewhere out on the highway is a drunken or reckless driver endangering the lives of every person on the highway. We can't place the blame on the patrolman. He is merely carrying out orders.

In this connection we quote here an editorial from the Oxford Public Ledger:

"Rumor, supported by some fact, persists in Raleigh that Governor Broughton will recommend the removal of the Highway Patrol from the Revenue Department as a means of increasing the efficiency of the Patrol.

"It is, indeed, a change that, if made, would have the approval of the great majority of citizens of the state.

"In the first place, there seems no very good reason why it should be directed from the Revenue Department since the Patrol is now more concerned with law enforcement duties than with tax collecting.

"Naturally enough, the State Revenue Department wishes to do the best job possible of collecting the taxes levied by the State Legislature, but that is a job that ought to be done separate and apart from law enforcement, and it is only natural that with the Patrol under other more appropriate executive jurisdiction, the Revenue Department should have more time for collecting revenue.

"The Patrol is under the direction of a nominal head. Major John Armstrong apparently has done a satisfactory job of handling the Highway Patrol. Certainly the organization is today at its highest peak in effective endeavor to law enforcement on the highways.

"The Patrol is entitled to its own chief, so as the change is being made, why not let the agency have its own?"

**A Primer For Americans**

A primer, as everyone is more or less aware, is a book that tells in simple terms the fundamental facts concerning any given subject. Most of us studied primers when we were very young, and they helped us learn to read and spell and become acquainted with our country's history. We draw upon the things we learned from these primers every day of our lives, without ever really being conscious of our debt to them.

In other words, merely because the truths contained in these little volumes were simple and seemed elementary in nature, it does not inevitably follow that they were unimportant. On the contrary, we probably drew more of value from them than from any other single source. And that's why it appears to us that the title of a recent booklet for American women is particularly well chosen: it's called "Primer for Americans."

This booklet, written by the noted authors and specialists at making economics intelligible, Ryllis and Omar Goslin, comes at a time in national and world history when "primary truths" are more important than ever before. It tells about the stake of the United States citizen in industrial production and distribution, and why the freedoms we enjoy in this country are so inextricably tied up with our economic way of life here. It tells what the role of being a free consumer in a free land can and does mean to the American woman. It explains these things and many more in a simple and understandable fashion.

We never need more than we do today to understand our country and the meaning of the forces that make it the greatest nation on the face of the earth. Books like "Primer for Americans" can go a long way towards satisfying that need.

**Borrowed Comment**

**REWARDING THE SAFE DRIVER**  
(Ahoskie Herald)

It has probably often been wondered why the State of North Carolina does not institute a system whereby the safe driver would be awarded to the same extent that the unsafe driver is punished.

"Turn about is fair play." So much attention has been directed to the road nut and his nefarious habits that no one recognized the steady fellow who motors about hither and yon for year after year without denting a fender. Instead he goes safely along until his family car collides with another safe driver and then they both get their rewards, a fine or a dressing-down from the bench.

In the meantime, why not reward him when he buys his yearly set of license plates, with a small insignia to clamp on his license plate; a badge of safety.

Would not the hope of reward bring better results than the fear of punishment alone?

**Langston Talls Of Surplus Food And Other Supplies**

While North Carolina improved in a great many ways in the year 1940 as compared with 1939, the wars in Europe and Asia, coupled with certain economic conditions and regulations made necessary thereby, have practically destroyed foreign markets for the farm products of the state, as well as of the nation.

Since North Carolina is primarily an agricultural state, this has been reflected in its economics, and had it not been for the assistance rendered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture through its various agencies, especially the Surplus Marketing Administration, the result would have no doubt been far more serious.

Wherever and whenever a surplus of any agricultural produce develops, the Surplus Marketing Administration moves in, sets a price, below which the particular product will not be allowed to fall, and begins purchases of the commodity. Purchases are continued until the crop is marketed or until the market improves to where such support is no longer necessary.

In following this policy the Surplus Marketing Administration spent more than \$2,000,000.00 in 1940 for North Carolina farm products and items processed therefrom, while in 1939 it was found necessary to spend only a few hundred thousand dollars for similar purposes.

Instead of undertaking to store the surpluses so purchased against some possible better day and more promising markets, the Surplus Marketing Administration disposed of them by allocating them to the various states for free distribution to their needy poor families, school lunch rooms, institutions, and organizations.

Foodstuffs donated to North Carolina have been allocated to the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, which has set up, within itself, a Commodity Distribution Division for the purpose of accepting, storing, repacking, distributing, and accounting for all foods made available in this manner.

Designation of the individuals, families, school lunch rooms, institutions, and organizations that were to receive these foods has been left to the county welfare departments in the various counties.

The Work Projects Administration furnished all of the unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled and professional labor, and a portion of the supervisory labor necessary to carry on these operations.

During 1940, as in previous years, the State furnished the necessary administrative labor, equipment, materials and supplies, and the counties furnished the warehouses, storerooms, and a small portion of the supplies needed to complete the operations.

All surplus foods distributed in the state were dispensed as supplemental and in addition to the recipient's normal purchases, in no instance being dealt out in such quantity as to constitute total subsistence.

This assured stabilization in the volume of retail and wholesale food sales in the state.

During the year 1940 a total of 47,996,058 pounds of food, worth \$2,756,075 at retail, was distributed to the needy of the state, as compared with 27,677,430 pounds, worth \$1,691,950 distributed in 1939.

Included in this were such foods as white flour, graham flour, wheat cereal, corn grits, corn meal, salt pork, smoked pork, lard, butter, cheese, evaporated milk, dry milk, apples, oranges, grapefruit, pears, prunes, raisins, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, cabbage, dry beans, green beans, and rice, all of which are good wholesome foods.

Of these amounts 39,283,650

pounds, worth \$1,187,047 were distributed this year to 45,000 needy families containing 197,411 persons, as compared with 25,356,443 pounds worth \$1,573,520 distributed in 1939 to 49,229 families representing 157,331 persons.

During 1940 a total of 3,138,496 pounds, worth \$538,062 was distributed to an average of 711 school lunch rooms to assist them in serving free lunches to an average of 52,431 needy and undernourished school children each month of the school year. In 1939 a total of 1,750,753 pounds, worth \$106,009 was distributed to an average of 336 school lunch rooms serving free lunches to an average of 24,162 needy and undernourished children.

The greatest number of schools serviced in any one month in 1940 was 1,376, serving free lunches to 132,460 children, as against 814 schools serving free lunches to 46,103 children during the largest month in 1939.

School principals and teachers generally report that with the installation of the free lunch programs attendance records and scholastic grades have shown marked improvement.

In addition, an average of 85 institutions and organizations serving an average of 5,517 persons were delivered 575,718 pounds worth \$30,965 in 1940, as compared with an average of 33 institutions and organizations aiding 7,008 persons who were given 567,794 pounds worth \$32,061 in 1939.



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