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School Buildings

Wilkes county has reached the point where there must be new school buildings and additions to present buildings if schools are to have the facilities necessary for a reasonable degree of efficiency.

From every district in the county comes accounts of need of buildings, additions or school plant facilities.

This condition is not new, but has grown worse during the past few years.

The need for school buildings and additions in some districts is desperate. School buildings to fit even the more desperate needs will cost much money but the point has been reached when some provisions must be made for adequately housing the school population.

The decision will rest with the people if the Wilkes county board of commissioners submit the issue of a bond issue to finance school buildings as the board has planned. It may be that some federal help may be obtained on some of the projects but there is a possibility that the county may have to bear the burden of expenses to fill the most pressing needs.

In the event a bond issue question is submitted to vote, we do not know what the amount will be, neither do the county authorities know because estimates have not been made.

Shifts in population and rapidly growing centers make planning for the future difficult. It was only a few years ago that the Millers Creek building was erected. Then it looked spacious and adequate for years to come. Now the building is literally overflowing and more than a dozen rooms are needed to house the various grades, classes and departments. The same is true to some extent in other cases.

North Wilkesboro, which pays a large part of the county's taxes, has crowded school buildings and needs additional facilities badly. In Wilkesboro, where a large new building was erected a few years ago, there is need for additions or a new building. Roaring River, Ronda, Mount Pleasant, Traphill, Cricket, in fact every school, needs something.

But the people may as well face the fact that to have schools there must be buildings and equipment.

It is nothing short of criminal to fail to give children an opportunity for education and training.

It would be grand if some paternalistic State law would make us a gift of about a half million dollars worth of school buildings and equipment. But lacking such a benevolent character, it looks very much like the most desperate needs must be filled the hard way—by taxes.

Don't Blame Your Retailer

An authority on merchandising remarks that there is a growing tendency of labor and some consumers to blame prices rises on retailers.

That tendency should be scotched in a hurry. For the plain truth is that the retail trades, in all fields, including both the independents and the chains, have carried on an aggressive and successful campaign to keep living costs down.

Between June 15, 1939, and June 15, 1941, industrial wages rose 27 per cent on a weekly basis. Industrial real wages—which means wages interpreted in the light of purchasing power—rose 22 per cent. In those same two years, the cost of living increased but 6 per cent, and that includes rents and personal service as well as commodities.

It is retailing which has further cut overhead expenses and passed the saving on to the consumer. It is retailing which has eliminated many unnecessary middleman operations, and again passed the saving on to the consumer. It is retailing which, in many instances, is absorbing wholesale

price rises, and voluntarily accepting lower unit profits in order to hold prices down. It is retailing which is helping educate the consumer to buy more scientifically, and make his dollar go farther.

Retailing raises prices when that is unavoidable—it has no way of picking money out of the air, and it can't hold retail prices at given levels when manufacturing prices go steadily up. But there is no doubt whatsoever that retailing has done wonders in keeping retail price increases to the absolute minimum. It is only just to give credit where due.

Inter-Dependence Day

America already has an Independence Day to memorialize its freedom. Perhaps it should also have an Inter-dependence Day to serve as a reminder of how greatly every American depends on every other American for the preservation of that freedom.

The fact is that liberty, if it is to be preserved at all, must be preserved intact—by all of us, for all of us. Deny it to any one group, and the chances are that in time it will also be denied to others. President Roosevelt's recent statement that "the rights of free labor as we know them today could not survive without the rights of free enterprise" serves to illustrate that fact.

Today we are arming to defend free enterprise and all our other freedoms. To do that successfully every one of us—and every group—must surrender some liberties temporarily. But we must make sure that we surrender them only temporarily. We must resolve now that emergency controls over our freedom must end with the emergency, and that no one group shall be permitted to use the current crisis to obtain unfair advantages over another. Unless we do that we may learn too late that we have thrown away the very liberties we are making sacrifices to defend.

Those Vital Vitamins

While the American people take eating for granted, with little thought about the vitamins in the food they eat, except maybe the women who are worrying more about their figures than about their health, the doctor carries on in his effort to bring better health through proper eating.

Dr. Russell Wilder, physician on the Mayo Clinic staff at Rochester, Minnesota, has been promoting nutrition as a national defense factor. He maintains his leadership over the defense nutrition drive by virtue of his chairmanship of the Food and Nutrition Committee of the National Research Council—a quasi-official agency from which the government draws technical advice on defense problems.

Dr. Wilder contends that vitamin B1 is grossly deficient in the U. S. diet and suggests that some of the country's labor unrest can be attributed to a B1 deficiency in the diet of the worker. B1 is recognized as the nerve and morale vitamin.

Dr. Wilder's committee has been concentrating on adding B1 to the U. S. diet—primarily through the new "Enriched Flour" and "Enriched Bread," twin foods at whose birth Dr. Wilder officiated.

Good health is good defense against an enemy, the same as good tanks and guns.

Borrowed Comment

FLOOD CONTROL PROSPECTS
(Winston-Salem Journal)

Congressman W. O. Burgin, of the Ninth District, told the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club the other day that the proposed Yadkin valley flood control plan is a worthy project which has his interest and support. It has a good chance of early legislative and executive approval, he said, if it can be shown to be in line with the defense program.

There is the rub, but so many things are being shown to be "in line with the defense program" that surely a project designed to protect many lives and millions of dollars' worth of property in the Piedmont can be found somewhere near the home defense line.

There is no disposition here to stretch a point. It may be that the project may have to yield procedure to more direct defense projects. But by all means an effort to control the flood waters of the Yadkin in its upper reaches should be made as early as possible. There are few projects that would pay larger dividends for this section, the state and nation in proportion to the funds expended.

Our consular agents in Thailand report a heavy demand for American calculating machines. The whole darn population, it appears, has suddenly started trying to figure out what's going to happen next.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

FAIR, SIDE LIGHTS

In case you haven't noticed it, the apple, general farm and 4-H club exhibits are truly outstanding. . . . Watt Cragg, chief executive of the town of Boone and known far and wide as the "hug-ginest mayor", was a genial visitor at the fair on opening day. His activities were confined to handshaking, which he can do like nobody else. . . . It is amusing to watch the reaction of crowds to certain things. The stage acts are very interesting. But some of the most difficult feats received little applause while some of the less difficult and which any acrobat could do were enthusiastically applauded. . . . Since they cut out bumping because it is dangerous, the little cars on the midway are not patronized very much; people like thrills, danger or no danger. They bump together on the highway and if they can't bump they won't pay to ride.

PROBLEM IN ARITHMETIC

If you had 6,334 stacks of hay in field number 1 and 9,666 stacks of hay in field number 2 and took the hay from field number two and put it all together with that in field number one how many would you have?

Now don't get a pencil and paper and add 6,334 and 9,666 and say there would be sixteen stacks because that would not be correct.

Putting all the hay together would make one stack.

THIS ONE IS EASY

How far can a dog run into a forest?
Answer: Only half way, after that he would be running out.

HOW TO MAKE CAT STAY AT HOME

One reader wants to know of some way to make a cat stay at home. It has been reported to this column that a neighbor gave another a kitten, which the latter neighbor wants very badly to keep. But cats have a way of going back to where they came from.

She has tried all the suggested ways to make it stay at its new home, including greasing its feet and rubbing its back on the inside of a chimney. Anyone who knows any other good suggestions please communicate with this column.

WAR MANEUVER TALES

During the army maneuvers, or war game, war is played much like tag football. Certain things done mean that a bridge has been dynamited, a soldier has been shot or wounded, a tank has been put out of commission, etc.

Army officers umpire the games and tell soldiers, tanks, etc., when they have been "put out of business."

During the maneuvers in Tennessee a former baseball player was driving a tank "in action" and an officer umpire approached and told him that his tank had been knocked out. Speaking in baseball language the tank driver said: "Why yon blankety blank—the lousy bum didn't come in ten feet of me. You need glasses."

IN THE BUG HOUSE

A lady driving along in the war maneuver area in Tennessee was stopped by a soldier at a bridge. The soldier said: "Lady, you can't go any further. This bridge has been demolished." She looked at the big concrete bridge and did not see anything wrong with it. After a few minutes she decided that the soldier was crazy and when another man in uniform approached she asked: "Soldier, a man awhile ago told me this bridge had been blown up. What did he mean?" His reply convinced her that somebody had bats in their belfry, maybe herself. He said: "Lady, I can't tell you a thing. I have been dead for three days."

THEY HAVE COMPETITION

"Suicide Hayes" and his "hell drivers" scheduled for action today at the fair may be wild drivers but we know some around here would give them much competition. The biggest difference would be the locals would hurt or kill somebody while "Suicide Hayes" does not.

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Interesting Items Summit Vicinity

Summit, Sept. 15.—An unusual amount of visiting took place among friends in this section during the week-end. The nice cool weather afforded opportunities for pleasant travel.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Greer and children, of Patterson, visited relatives in this community Saturday afternoon.

Misses Inez Phillips and Winnie Spears, both of whom are at Cricket, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Phillips, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Spears, during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Canter and children, of Wilkesboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tredaway and children, of Pores Knob, were visitors in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Church and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keys, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Linnie Bengel and children, of Purlear, spent Sunday visiting relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Pervis Baker and sons, Zelle and Dwain, of Patterson, visited Mr. and Mrs. Coy Church Sunday. Other guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Church were: Mrs. Lee J. Church, Johnston Church, Helen Church, Mrs. Nina Church and little daughter, Joan, Mrs. Fannie Flecher, Mrs. Nina, Della Mae Mikael, Mrs. Lizzzie Church, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Green, Mr. Herman Love, Mr. Lonnie Woods, Miss Mandy Green, Raleigh Church and Mr. Ralph Kes.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Laws and children, also Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laws and child, all of Patterson, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Woodie and other friends in this community Sunday.

Relatives of Mr. Linza Church visited him at a Winston-Salem hospital Sunday. Mr. Church has been a patient in the hospital for some time and is reported as being in a serious condition. His many friends and relatives hope that he may soon recover.

"Which travels faster—heat or cold?"
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