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Keep The Green Woods Green

The protection of America demands also the protection of her forests. Of our total continental land area of about 2,977,000 square miles, nearly 31 percent (911,000 square miles) represents area where on organized forest fire protection is necessary.

During the past ten years forest fires in North Carolina have caused average annual damage estimated at about \$1,325,000, according to State and Federal Forest Service data.

The Forest Production Industries—absolutely dependent upon the forest—play a vital role in National Defense. Twenty-two items on the Critical List are made of wood or wood products.

One of the biggest carpentry jobs of all time was begun in September, 1940, when the U. S. Army called upon the building industry to supply housing for 1 1/2 million men.

The State Forest Service now owns and operates about 90 forest fire lookout towers and some 900 miles of telephone line in its fire detection system.

During these times of alertness along our Atlantic seaboard we cannot afford to tolerate the dense canopy of forest fire smoke which has afflicted those coastal areas so often in the past.

The finding of the U. S. Forest Survey show conclusively that the South's timberlands are understocked.

North Carolina has become the leading State in the nation in the manufacture of wood furniture, and the leading State in the East and South in the manufacture of lumber.

above them are incomplete. The national debris washed down over waterholes, down the river, writing on the wall for the reservoir, whose usefulness disappears with progressive "silt-up".

One of the outstanding developments affecting forestry in the South during the period, about \$150,000,000 of new capital has been invested in this region in the form of new pulp mills or additions to old ones.

Since 1776 we, the American people, have logged, manufactured and shipped enough forest products to build 50 million homes, 12 million farms, 2 million schools and libraries, 600,000 churches, 400,000 factories, and to create billions of newspapers, magazines and books.

Keep It Clean!

We've got to fight more than the Axis today. We must even fight a part of ourselves—the part that believes rumors, for example, and passes them on to others.

Recently we've heard a lot about shortages. Aluminum, rubber, sugar—the list is growing, and some of us see shortages all around us.

A short time ago many women began to believe that American soap companies wouldn't be able to supply us with enough soap.

Glycerine, it seems, is a by-product of commercial soap manufacturers doing war work, the soap companies are stepping up their production.

Winning the war is going to be a huge job, and we must all do our part. As this story shows, we can sometimes do that in simple ways—just by not making soap, for example, and by saying "no soap" to rumors.

Borrowed Comment

HELP THE SALVATION ARMY (Baltimore News-Post)

Veterans of the first World War recall with admiration the services which The Salvation Army performed for the men in uniform "over there."

Every person who appreciates the obligations of philanthropy here at home justly admires The Salvation Army for its many years of humane activities.

With the country again involved in world warfare The Salvation Army again must stand prepared for multiple tasks; and the rendition of these tasks require help from the public.

Unlike many philanthropies, The Salvation Army is self-sustaining in a large degree.

Considering what The Salvation Army does within itself, the assistance that it asks from the public is modest; and it would be most deplorable if The Salvation Army, being "let down," were compelled to "let down" those who need its ministrations.

The Salvation Army appeals to you to "give as much as you can."

Freedom in A Democracy

Girl Scouts have been getting training in citizenship in their troops and councils for thirty years—thirty years on March 12, to be exact, and the reason for the excellence of that training is not hard to find.

Some people think that a citizen is any person who has the right to express his opinion and ideas about government through the ballot. In other words, by voting.

You hear a great deal about "freedom," "my country," "democracy," and so on. Perhaps you could think of "freedom" in the United States in this simple way—as though you were speaking of a troop instead of a country.

In all the ways mentioned above you may find freedom and democracy in a troop. In the same way you must help your country to be a real democracy with freedom for all who live in it.

In the expression, "my country", the word "my" is a possessive pronoun. It is generally understood that you can take care of a thing that belongs to you. You do not take off a dress and throw it on the floor.

When you say "my country", you should understand that it is yours and deserves your care and protection. Remember that "my country" is not some great figure that stands over you with a stick and tells you what to do.

Some people have more chance or greater ability to help this country to grow to usefulness than others, but everyone has some chance to help, no matter how small it is.

With the fundamentals of good citizenship so simply and yet so forcefully and eloquently expressed, it is easy to understand why Girl Scouts are good citizens.

Tom Mooney Dies In Coast Hospital

San Francisco, March 6.—Thomas J. Mooney, veteran labor figure, who served 23 years in prison on charges of dynamiting the Preparedness Day parade at San Francisco in 1916, died at St. Luke's Hospital today after a long illness.

Mooney, fifty-eight, underwent a major abdominal operation last Monday, his fourth since his release from San Quentin Prison on January 7, 1939.

He had been in the hospital most of the time since he was pardoned by Gov. Culbert L. Olson.

His friends in the labor movement—the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the railroad brotherhoods—will make arrangements for the funeral, to be held within the next two or three days.

Mooney and his companion, Warren K. Billings, were regarded as "labor martyrs" to millions throughout the world.

They were convicted of first-degree murder for allegedly throwing a bomb into the Preparedness Day parade. Ten persons were killed and 40 were hurt.

First sentenced to be hanged, Mooney was saved from death by intercession of President Woodrow Wilson.

Billings, who was paroled by Olson, was sentenced to life imprisonment. For many years the "Mooney case" was before the highest courts of the land, but always his name was denied. Billings received less publicity and gained less fame in Federal Prison.

Annual Report Of Blue Cross Plan

Chapel Hill — The Hospital Saving Association of North Carolina paid over a dollar a minute for hospital charges incurred by its subscribers during 1941. It was disclosed here today by E. B. Crawford, executive director.

The annual report of the Association, which is incorporated as a non-stock, non-profit, public service organization, shows \$577,680.69 paid in claims during the past year to cover 19,896 hospital admissions totaling 143,263 days. As of December 31st, 164,201 North Carolinians were listed as members. Over \$2,000,000 has been paid to North Carolina hospitals for these members since January, 1936, the report stated.

Nationally approved by the American Hospital Association on the basis of strict standards of community sponsorship, economic soundness and administrative efficiency, the local plan is one of 71 in the nation permitted to identify itself by using the seal of that body superimposed on a blue cross. These 71 blue cross plans, which practice reciprocal transfers of membership and other cooperative courtesies, have now enrolled nearly 9,000,000 persons.

"The tremendous popular growth of the blue cross plans in general and of our local plans in particular," said Crawford, "leaves little doubt of the community value of the work we have been accomplishing."

"The success of our own operations has recently made it possible to make some slight increases in our contract benefits and additional retroactive benefits for all members will be announced within the next few weeks," he added.

Dr. I. H. Manning, dean emeritus of the University of North Carolina Medical School, who has served as president continuously since the organization of the Association, was elected chairman and medical director at the annual meeting of the board of trustees, it was further announced.

Headline Speaker Was Ralph S. Morris

Headline speaker was Ralph S. Morris, national counselor of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who with other national officers closed the southern tour here tonight. C. W. Snyder, Winston-Salem national supervisor, who accompanied them on a tour in Georgia and Florida, took part in the program.

Officials stressed the present war situation and urged that Junior Order members do all in their power to support the war effort.

James L. Wilmoth, Philadelphia, national secretary, discussed the immigration laws and pointed out that the Junior Order has sponsored many such laws. Clyde F. Wilmoth, Philadelphia, assistant national secretary, also addressed the session.

Pores Knob

Linda Karin, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Landras Pruette, of Mooresville, died Sunday morning at the Mooresville hospital. She was their only child. The funeral was held at Walnut Grove church Monday afternoon at 2:30 and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Pruette was the former Miss Mildred Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wallace who lived in Wilkesboro before moving to Mooresville several years ago.

During the last war more than 200,000 meals were served aboard the Leviathan on a single voyage.

Robert Lassiter of Charlotte, industrialist and chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, was named as president to succeed him.

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

North Carolina, Wilkes County. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT Lexie Shaver vs. Ivan Shaver

The defendant, above-named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Wilkes County, North Carolina, to obtain

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Advertisement for 'I-E-S Better Sight' featuring an illustration of a person looking through a device.

Advertisement for 'Duke POWER CO.' with address 'Hours 9 to 5 Ninth Street'.

Large advertisement for C. T. Doughton, Sheriff and Tax Collector, with text 'DID YOU SAVE THE PENALTY — On Your — County Taxes? Wednesday, April 1st, 1942'.