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## School Enrollment

Wartime school enrollment figures tell something about labor supply as well as giving statistics of educational nature.

School authorities report that the high school enrollment is slightly off this year, which is opposite the trend which has prevailed during the past few years.

The lower high school enrollment is easily explained. Many of the boys and girls who have reached 16 years of age have taken jobs to help in the war effort and to make money and they are not interested in quitting earning pay checks to enter school. And there have been many high school boys who have entered the navy. Some few have been drafted.

We have no quarrel with those who have taken jobs, because the security of the nation demands all the labor available in the war effort. But we do think that when the emergency is over every effort should be made to encourage them to take up in school where they left off and complete their scholastic careers.

## Pulpwood Needed

In order to carry on a successful war to ultimate and complete victory, all phases of supply must be looked after just the same as training of fighting men.

It so happens that the nation needs paper and other things which are made of pulpwood, which is now a vital war material.

Not enough pulpwood is being cut to supply the needs.

That is the why of the newspaper's drive to increase the supply of pulpwood.

There is a market here for pulpwood, and many Wilkes farmers can find that they can cut large quantities of pulpwood without endangering their future supply of lumber.

There is hardly any limit to the amount of pulpwood which could be cut in Wilkes county without doing serious injury to forests. We would advise that before you cut any great amount of pulpwood you contact M. B. Bryan, extension farm forester, at the county agent's office, and have him help you with plans for proper forestry management.

## Borrowed Comment

### PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY (Greensboro Daily News)

The Daily News has no disposition whatever to try or to pre-judge two North Carolina law enforcement officers, Lt. W. B. Lentz, head of the state highway patrol for western North Carolina, and Guy Scott, investigator for the state bureau of investigation, who are at liberty under bond pending disposition of indictments returned against them in Wilkes county Superior court and alleging larceny, receiving and violations of the prohibition laws in connection with reported disappearance of "some 90 cases of liquor". This is business for the courts and it is left for their handling. We are assuming that the defendants will be ably defended and that there will similarly be vigorous prosecution in order that the cause of justice may be served.

It is not discussing the pending case, as such, to observe, however, that the fact that the defendants are law enforcement agents has focused public interest and attention on the matter and calls for an investigation, outside the courts, by higher authority as it relates to both state agencies. The principals make this far more than an ordinary case. It pleases us therefore to note that Governor Broughton has started a personal investigation into the two indictments. After all, the circumstances that they have been returned casts a shadow upon the patrol and the such as they have not previously

known. There is a direct public accountability over and above arraignment of the defendants as individuals; an accountability which far overshadows any publicity which might figure in the unfolding attention from one side or the other.

### FLEET THAT NEVER SAILED (Winston-Salem Journal)

In a full page press advertisement one of the great corporations engaged in the war production effort writes of a phantom fleet of American naval vessels—a fleet that never sailed.

This fleet of the might-have-been would include four great battleships of the line; two plane-carriers, six light cruisers; 10 destroyers, eight submarines, and 14 destroyer escorts.

This is the fleet which could have been built by the man hours in American industry which have been and will be lost in 1943 at present rate of industrial time wastage. This loss of man hours is due in part to accidents both on and off the jobs. It is partly due to drinking by workers and the hang-overs which follow. It is due in some degree to illness, and the fact that many women workers are forced to take time out of the factories on account of family problems and concerns. A lot of it is due to apathy and selfishness, in some instances on the part of relatively small but powerful groups within the ranks of labor, in others to apathy and selfishness among certain men in the ranks of management. Too, some of it is due to confusion and fumbling within the circles of government.

It is illogical and unfair, therefore, to insist that delays in war production are altogether due to any one group or faction in the industrial war drama. All along the line are those who are consciously or unconsciously throwing monkey wrenches in the machinery now and then. It is the duty of all Americans everywhere on the home front to strive incessantly and assiduously to prevent this delay, this sabotage. To do less is to cheat their fellow workers, to betray the boys on the firing line—to hurt America and themselves.

### LIFE'S BETTER WAY WALTER E. ISENHOUR Hiddenite, N. C.

#### UPSET PLANS

No doubt we all know what it is to have our plans upset now and then, here and there. Sometimes we suffer much as a consequence. There have been times, perhaps, when our plans were upset that we came very near going down with them, maybe never to rise again. Only the power of God prevented it.

It is not always to be understood, at least for the time being, just why some plans fail to materialize. Perhaps the devil upset it, as this is his business. Especially does he upset plans oftentimes which are calculated to do much and lasting good. However, if we will pray much, be true and faithful unto God, and trust Him for other plans, we may be assured that He will bring us out victorious. Maybe He sometimes allows the enemy to upset our plans in order to give us something better. We should not be knocked off our feet if the enemy upsets some plan; but draw closer to God, pray more, love and obey Him more sincerely and leave it all in His hands to work out for us. Praise His holy name. It is perhaps a fact that our plans may be upset sometimes by God. He can and will wreck them when it pleases Him. He knows best. Maybe our plans were not for the best, therefore He laid them in the dust. No doubt this has been the case with many people. But if we really and truly love the Lord, and will hold right on to His unchanging hand, and will keep faith in Him, and stay humble and prayerful. He will work it all out to glory. Amen. Perhaps we sometimes plan too small. God wants something larger. He sees wherein we would come short of our best, therefore He upsets the plan in order to lead us out on a different line, toward a different place and goal. He knows best. We should always trust Him.

No doubt God has upset the plans of sinners across the ages of time in order to save him from a life of failure, wreck and ruin, and from hell and to Heaven. It was through His love and mercy He did so. If the sinner had had his own way, and carried out his plan, or plans, he would have defeated himself and others, and would have been lost in a devil's hell. What a blessing that God upset his plans, then enabled him to go forth in life to formulate noble and godly plans which meant his success forever! God knows how to lead us on life's better way to our eternal goal. Hallelujah!

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

### CHANGING DIET

We have heard of trying to wean automobiles from using gas. We don't know whether they can be weaned or not, but we know that one certain method of diet for an automobile would work.

It happened this way. We forgot to get any gasoline Friday afternoon and the car just quit running at home just as we started to leave for the 3000s picnic.

After some time we definitely decided it was out of gas.

So we picked up a water can from a service station nearby which had no gas and had a neighbor take us on to one which had some.

There we told the attendant to put two gallons in the can and went inside to pay cash, deposit coupons, etc., according to law.

We came out, picked up the can and went back to the house and car and hurriedly poured the contents of the can into the gas tank.

It still wouldn't run and the battery got weak from much motor turning.

We had the car pushed and pulled but it wouldn't run. Finally the pushing and pulling process got us to a garage, where the mechanic worked and did more pushing and pulling but with no results.

Next he drained the gas tank and took out almost two gallons of water, just ordinary water.

Well, that started us downhill in our resolve to reduce use of profanity to an irreducible minimum. We wanted to cut loose on all oil companies, service stations, etc.

After the water was drained and some gasoline put in the tank the car would run, but three hours had passed and some money had passed to the garage man for his labor and patience.

Next morning the service station man called on the phone:

"Did you have any trouble starting your car this morning?"

"No, but we had a (blankety blank) time taking it to run last night."

"No wonder," he said, "you picked up our water can yesterday evening and of course you poured water in your car."

### UNDERSTANDING LADY

This underfed reporter had another good meal Saturday—at the press association meeting at Shatley Springs.

If there is anything we like better than fried chicken it is country ham, and if there is anything better than country ham, it is fried chicken.

At Shatley Springs they served both in great quantities.

Starting on the chicken, which was piled on a big platter just in front of our place (we picked the location), we were just a bit befuddled as to which pieces were white meat. In fact, it all looked like legs.

The gracious lady just across the table, Mrs. Storie from Marshall, N. C., had an understanding idea. She took our plate and fork and put on our plate the very biggest piece of white meat chicken.

"I know boys," she said, "I know two. I knew you wanted that piece and were just too modest to take it yourself."

### MAIL PICKING UP

From Fayetteville, Tenn. we have received the following letter; "Ah! man who lives in blissful ignorance, this innocent scrap of paper should prove to be your death warrant."

"I am the thirteenth reader of a certain column in a certain newspaper from Wilkes county—and upon reading that the readers were to be shot as they increased (the writer being first on the list) I can think of no better way to free the good people of Wilkes from a Super Maniac than to tell you I am number Thirteen—and therefore the only honorable thing you can do is to go out quietly and commit Hari-kari, like your honorable ancestors, so as not to disgrace your family by remaining alive after you have publicly announced you would not after a thirteenth reader was found."

("I'll bet you would like to know if your wife has been paying me to read your column!")

"As you have been asking your readers for subjects to write up on I would like to suggest that you go to a leaky faucet in your kitchen sink and start washing a nice bunch of dishes (I'll bet your wife would pay me for that suggestion) and if you listen to the things that faucet says you will have more inspiration than you could possibly get from the twelve readers you boast about—as they must be crack-pots too. But to get back to the dishwashing—if, by the time you finish you

cannot write two hundred words on the subject (all of them unappreciable) then you are worse than I thought.

"Here is a sample of the things our leaky faucet tells and it would be a good subject to write about. Just recall the little things our boys are eager to come back to. Most of them are dreaming of the days when they can split fence rails and bring in stove wood—instead of dreaming about the just too perfect postwar world the politicians are mapping out for them.

"You should understand by now that I do not expect you to do the honorable thing and go out and get shot—or I would not have suggested subject matter for your future columns.

"NUMBER THIRTEEN."

"P. S. Keep digging up new jokes but for gosh sakes use the holes you make, digging, to bury some of those old ones."

## State College Hints To Farm Homes By RUTH CURRENT N. C. State College

Cheese is milk in concentrated form. It is high in food value. Cheese is also an excellent source of vitamins A and G, some B1 and a little D.

The home economists have figured out that five ounces of American (Cheddar) cheese are about equal to one quart of milk.

It's no wonder that cheese was one of the first foods that England asked the United States to send across the Atlantic. It will serve as the main protein dish for a meal and can be used as a flavorful and nutritious addition to an oven dish, soup, or sauce.

Macaroni-and-cheese is a favorite dish. There's cheese with spaghetti, rice, grits, or corn meal. Cheese can be melted and served on crisp toast or crackers. To make it "topsy," you need a dash of cayenne or paprika. Some people like to add onion juice for high flavor.

Cheese makes it easy for you to use vegetables as a main dish. It goes especially well in scalloped potatoes, corn, or a mixture of vegetables. A tangy, cheese sauce dresses up cooked broccoli, cauliflower, or asparagus.

For cooking our food, experts recommend the kind called American or Cheddar cheese. But you will find that this cheese has lots of flavor variations. There's the fresh American cheese—mild in flavor and soft in texture. The older cheese has a sharper, more tangy flavor, and it's usually dry and crumbly.

The home economists say that you shouldn't "cook" cheese at all—just heat enough to melt it. Otherwise, the cheese is almost certain to get tough and stringy. To blend cheese with other foods you must grate it or shave it thin.

## Acquit Former Sheriff of Burke

Morganton.—Paul M. Dale, former sheriff of Burke county, and Wilbur Wilson, who was one of his deputies, were acquitted in Superior court here of charges of wrongdoing in office. The jury deliberated for about 25 minutes.

After charges of conspiracy to violate the slot machine law against both defendants had been nonsuited by Judge J. A. Rousseau and after he had directed a verdict of not guilty in connection with the bribery indictment against Dale, there was only one count against the former sheriff for the jury to consider today. That was a charge of willfully omitting, neglecting and refusing to do his duty, a misdemeanor, and Dale was declared not guilty of that.

Wilson was acquitted of two bribery charges and another alleging willful omission, neglect and refusal of duty.

Attorneys' speeches and the judge's charge occupied the morning session of the court, the verdict of not guilty coming in the afternoon.

Dale closed a four-year term as sheriff last December.

## Price Vegetables Is On Up and Up

Raleigh.—August 21.—Latest figures available on retail food prices for a selected list of fresh fruits and vegetables show an increase in price ranging from 11.4 per cent to 206.8 per cent over that of a year ago, according to A. B. Harles, Federal-State market news representative with the State Department of Agriculture.

Harles said that reports show sweet potatoes up 206.8 per cent over a year ago; cabbage, up 93.3 per cent; onions, up 80 per cent; apples, 58.5; green peas, 54.9; lettuce, 46.3; white potatoes, 44.7; spinach, 37.8; oranges, 20.7; carrots, 20.3; grapefruit, 16 cent; and bananas, up 11.4 per cent.

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## Job Insurance Payments So Low Interest Exceeds 1943 Payments

"Because of the great demand for workers all over the state, there are currently fewer than 800 claimants drawing checks for unemployment compensation out of more than a million workers who have established wage credits under the law," W. R. Curtis, acting chairman for the Unemployment Compensation Commission, commented today.

"Claimants in North Wilkesboro area were awarded only 53 benefit checks amounting to \$480.50 during July."

bearing, securing solely for the payment of unemployment benefits. During the first half of this year, the Commission paid out in benefits \$528,185.45, or an average of \$87,197.57, while the fund collected its \$876,071.49 in interest.

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- Oven won't heat properly? Be sure the oven heating units are plugged in tightly. Are you sure you've turned on all switches correctly? Is the switch on your automatic clock set properly?
- Table or floor lamp won't burn? Maybe the extension cord is worn or needs a new plug.

## DUKE POWER COMPANY