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Market Center Here

Robert S. Curtis, a representative of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, is working on a proposition which should greatly benefit all northwestern North Carolina, and especially North Wilkesboro.

In his work as marketing specialist with the department he had observed that livestock, sheep and produce from counties in the extreme northwestern part of North Carolina have been shipped haphazardly from the state to neighboring states and North Carolina has benefitted little or none from the marketing activities.

The logical solution, Mr. Curtis believes, is to make North Wilkesboro a marketing center and shipping point for northwestern North Carolina.

The first development on that proposal occurred last week when 510 lambs from Watauga county were shipped from here by rail.

The situation is that Alleghany and Watauga counties do not have railroad transportation, and the railroad from Ashe county goes into Virginia. Livestock can reach metropolitan centers faster by rail from North Wilkesboro.

Harry M. Hamilton, Jr., county agent of Watauga county, is in accord with Mr. Curtis on the proposition to make North Wilkesboro a shipping center for several counties. Railway officials have already been contacted to see whether or not the Southern Railway company will enlarge their yard here to accommodate mass shipment of livestock, and prospects are good for such development.

It is generally conceded that Virginia and Tennessee have been reaping the benefits of production in northwestern North Carolina counties, and the movement is to turn that business into North Carolina channels.

To make North Wilkesboro a marketing center for livestock will decidedly increase the volume of business locally, and will be a big asset to Wilkes county farmers and business men.

We should leave no stone unturned in our effort to assist Mr. Curtis and Mr. Hamilton to establish a marketing center here. North Wilkesboro is easily accessible by direct highways from every county in Northwestern North Carolina.

Polio Precautions

The county health department has lifted the ban on children attending public meetings and being in public places in Wilkes county.

But this does not by any means say that the danger from contracting infantile paralysis is over. Precautions should continue to be exercised.

New cases are being reported practically every day in other parts of the state. There have been no new cases in Wilkes since August 2, but parents should remember that there are infectious counties in the state at the present time.

We would suggest on the basis of facts given by health authorities that in no instances should you allow your children to go into any of the counties which have had polio cases during the past three weeks, and children from those counties certainly should not come into Wilkes because of the danger of bringing the dreaded disease back into our borders.

Infantile paralysis is a terrible dangerous disease. It can cripple, maim or kill your child, and it is nothing short of criminal to take unnecessary chances with your child or anybody else's child.

Wilkes has just passed through the worst epidemic of infantile paralysis in its history. Thirty-five cases in one season is an epidemic of serious proportions.

And the people can feel that they did their duty in precautions to prevent its

spread. After the polio ban went into effect the epidemic subsided. There is every reason to believe that the cooperation on the part of the people in keeping their children at home saved an indefinite number of children from being victims of the disease.

When Will They Return?

The war in Europe, from all indications today, is nearing an end, a victorious end for the Allies.

The people on the home front are anxiously awaiting return of their men from the battlefields.

No one wants to discourage any mother or wife or relatives from the fond hopes that the men will return soon, but it is better to face realities than to endure disappointments.

In this connection a recent issue of the Winston-Salem Journal carried the following editorial comment:

"Progress of the war in Europe has led to sanguine expectations. Many Americans are now saying the boys will be home by Christmas.

"More realistic citizens as well as government officials do not share this very optimistic viewpoint. The Nazis aren't licked yet, and Hitler may have several more tricks up his bloody sleeve. But even if we should grant that Germany will be defeated within the next few weeks or months, it may be many months longer before our boys in Europe come home.

"One writer quotes a military authority to the effect that it may be 18 months before the bulk of the A. E. F. is able to return to this country.

"It is explained that from 300,000 to 500,000 American soldiers will have to share in policing and garrisoning Germany and other countries for an appreciable length of time after the war. Many thousands more will be transferred from the European to the Asiatic war theatres to speed up action against the Japanese.

"Another problem has to do with transports. Quite a few of the vessels which were used in hauling troops to Britain, North Africa and other European and Middle East regions have been lost. Some cargo vessels might be used in transporting troops back home after alterations for this purpose may be pressed into service to haul relief goods to stricken European peoples.

"The popular demand will be for an early return of G. I. Joe once the war in Europe is won. But many fathers, mothers, wives and sweethearts may have to be patient for several long months after the war is over before Joe actually touches foot again on the soil of God's country".

● LIFE'S BETTER WAY ●

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BENEATH THE MURMURING PINES

It was some twenty years ago
'Mid Yadkin's lovely hills,
Where summer breezes sweetly blow
And flowers fringe the rills,
I knelt beneath the murmur'ing pines
To talk to God above
Of her who now in glory shines,
With whom I was in love.

I knew she was some miles away,
A sweetheart good and true,
Sweet as the fairest rose of May
Of which there are but few.
'Twas there I prayer that she might be
The helpmeet of my life—
A dear companion sweet to me,
A truly noble wife.

Oh, sacred is that spot to me
Beneath those murmur'ing pines,
Where zephyrs passed from tree to tree
And stirred among the vines;
For truly God had met me there
Alone that day, alone,
In answer to my humble prayer
And she became my own!

A few short years of married life
And Lela left me here;
She was a true and faithful wife
Whose mem'ry is so dear;
But yonder on the golden strand
Me thinks I hear her say,
"Come dearest to this happy land
Where saints and angels stay".

May God who met me 'neath the pines
Of Yadkin's lovely hills,
The God in whom the Christian finds
The balm for all his ills,
So keep me by His holy grace
Till life on earth is o'er,
That I may see dear Lela's face
Where partings are no more.

This poem is written in memory of my dear wife, Lela Henrietta Isenhour, who departed this life May 27, 1929.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES



By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

If you must kill time, be sure it is your own. . . . Some people live and learn and others just live. . . . A speech should be like a woman's dress—short enough to be interesting, but long enough to cover the subject. . . . One young man calls his car a crate—because so often he packs it full of peaches. Another calls his the Mayflower. We wonder why. . . . One bride says she will be an understanding wife; that she'll make her husband understand he can't do as he pleases. . . . Bow legs are few and far between. . . . Husbands are like eggs, if they are kept in hot water too long, they get hard boiled. . . . New synthetic girdles are still several months away because the rubber is needed for invasion purposes. In other words, your front is going to have to wait on the Army's.

WAS SHE BURNED UP?
A cute little trick from St. Paul Wore a 'newspaper dress' to a ball The dress caught on fire And burned her entire Front page, comic section, and all.

SKEPTICAL
A skeptical gent was Bill Teeter; He just couldn't believe his gas meter— So he pulled out a match And gave it a scratch, "Good morning", said he to St. Peter.

WHY EDITORS GET RICH
A child is born. The attending physician gets \$25, and more; the editor gives the youngster and parents a send-off and gets \$0. When it is christened the minister gets \$10. The editor gets \$00 for his write-up. She grows up and marries. The editor publishes another long-winded article and may perhaps tell a dozen lies about the beautiful, accomplished bride. The minister gets another \$10 and a piece of cake. The editor gets \$000. In the course of time she dies. The doctor gets from \$25 to \$500 more. The undertaker from \$200 to \$500. The editor publishes the obituary, two columns long, lodge and society resolutions and gets \$0000. No wonder he's rich.

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